**NKY College & Career Connector**

Report: November 2022

**College & Career Counselor Network (CCCN) Meeting, Nov 13th, 2022**

Attended by: 15 Educators / 13 High Schools / 8 School Districts

School Showcase: Beechwood High School – EDGE + Internship Programs

Presenters: Dean McKay, Skilcraft Aerospace – WBL opportunities for students

Shelby Krentz, Gateway – Dual-Enrollment for Spring 2023

Nora Eskridge, Junior Achievement – free programming for schools

Updates: Lois Post, St. Elizabeth – NaviGo Scholars

Kim Dunn, Supply Chain OKI - WBL opportunities for students

Educator Session: How MyCareerE3 will work best for schools/students

Facilitated by Dr. Kathy Burkhardt (NaviGo) and Michelle Klein (NKCES)

**Connector Presentations to students**

* 2 x days at the Ignite Institute presenting to circa 300 students on the NKY FAME Program and the various pathways into the Skilled Trades in NKY
* 2 x days at Lloyd Memorial high school presenting to circa 165 students on the local manufacturing sector, NKY FAME and the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship

**GROW NKY – Pillar 2, College & Career Readiness**

The Connector will lead Pillar 2 Objective 2:

**Objective 2:** Engage business partners to communicate opportunities for exposure, exploration, and experience through work-based learning for regional high school students using the MyCareerE3 platform.

* Work-based learning post-assessments for businesses
* Number of work-based learning hours provided
* Type of work-based learning exposure/s offered

**Employer Engagement:**

1. Steinhauser Inc., Newport KY – planning meeting for setting up co-op opportunities for students
2. CVS Health – planning meeting for setting up WBL opportunities for students
3. ION Apex – planning meeting for exploring the possibility of HS seniors starting an electrical apprenticeship while still in high school
4. INTERalliance – with am impending change of executive leadership, the connector met with the outgoing executive director to put plans in place to ensure continued partnership
5. DHL – meeting to plan for spring co-ops for logistics/supply chain students (Ignite and River Cities)
6. KY HealthCorps – introductory meeting to learn of the Ky HealthCorps program where KY students can enroll as AmeriCorps members and work in local healthcare facilities while earning a living allowance and an education award – this will be presented to the counselor network at our December CCCN meeting
7. Jurgensen Companies – continued planning for the implementation of the MACC Tech program (Mining, Asphalt, Concrete and Construction Technology) - the goal is to pilot this program with Grant County ACT in the 2023-24 school year
8. Supply Chain OKI – recap on last quarter to prep for next week’s Quarterly SCOKI stakeholder meeting
9. Armor USA – with a change in Operations leadership, the connector met with the new point-of-contact to plan for work-based learning at the facility

**Supply Chain OKI Advisory Committee Kick-off:**

This new youth advisory committee, led by Dr. Bonnie Curtis (formerly of Castellani and currently teaching at NKU) includes educators from both OH and NKY (Kenton County, Dayton Independent, Boone County and Bellevue Independent), plus the Connector. The focus of this committee is to strategically plan for a uniformed approach to work-based learning for both schools and businesses in the tri-state area for the 2023-24 school year, to include the following:

* Company Tours
* Guest Spean
* Speakers (breakfast- and or lunch-and-learns)
* Job Shadowing
* Co-ops/Internships
* Teacher Externships
* Career Fairs/Hiring Events

**Gateway Service Region Stakeholder Perkins Fall Advisory Meeting:**

This was a very successful meeting attended by Gateway staff, educators from 7 districts, business representatives from 10 businesses across all 5 in-demand industry sectors, staff from Brighton Center, and the Connector.

* The breakout sessions, facilitated by educators, looked at how well K-12 CTE pathways and post-secondary programs are aligned with workforce needs, with the conclusion that they are very well-aligned
* The groups also agreed that the sharing of resources in the region (between K-12 schools, an between schools and Gateway) is solid and continuous
* Much discussion took place about work-based learning and how companies can better partner with schools and connect with students before graduation, etc.
* The attendees also looked at how education providers are looking at emerging trends within current in-demand sectors (such as robotics) and also the emerging sectors that have been identified by the Governor

**Other:**

* The Connector will assist St. Elizabeth with distributing the ‘Wait! Where’s Winston?’ book – this is an early awareness story + coloring book that introduces K-5 students to many of the careers found within the healthcare industry
* The Connector was part of the planning committee for Leadership Northern Kentucky, Class of 2023 (very successful) Education Day held at both the Boone County district office and Gateway’s Boone Campus.
* The Connector presented on work-based learning to a group of I.T. company leaders (organized through INTERalliance)
* The Connector recruited businesses to participate at the ‘Gateway Service Region Stakeholder Perkins Fall Advisory Meeting’
* The Connector attended the AMIP Leadership Meeting (Advanced Manufacturing Industry Partnership) and continues to advocate for NKY education providers and businesses to participate – the Connector is the only NKY representative on this leadership team, with the other 11 members being OH-based.
* The Connector attended the Covington Business Council’s Annual Dinner as a guest of Duke Energy
* The Connector attended Bellevue HS to assist with student mock interviews

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Report: December 2022

**College & Career Counselor Network (CCCN) Meeting, Dec 10th, 2022**

Attended by: 10 Educators / 8 High Schools / 6 School Districts

School Showcase: The Ignite Institute’s Internship Program

Presenters: Mark Thackery, NKU Supply Chain – Dual-Enrollment Opportunities for students

Megan Eldridge – Internship (AmeriCorps) Student Healthcare Opportunities

Callie Miracle, KY Chamber – Bus to Business (company tours) for students

Updates: Matt Slone, Allied Construction Industries – Construction Career Days

Kim Dunn, Supply Chain OKI - WBL opportunities for students

Heleena McKinney, Health Collaborative – Tap Health for students

Susan Whitman, Advanced Manufacturing Industry Partnership – recap on Manufacturing Day 2022

**Connector Presentations to students**

* 2 x days at Lloyd Memorial high school presenting to circa 165 students on the various career paths (as identified by students) – guest speaker from Supply Chain OKI for 3 of the 6 classes

**Mock Interviews**

* The connector participated in mock interviews with both Bellevue and Beechwood high schools

**Connector Presentations to Businesses**

* The connector sat on a panel (Workforce Development in Northern Kentucky) for Leadership KY - a select group of people who possess a broad variety of leadership abilities, career accomplishments, and volunteer activities to gain insight into complex issues facing the state
* The connector presented on Work-Based Learning best practices and MyCareerE3 to tri-state construction businesses and OH educators as part of Allied Construction Industries’ K-12 Programming

**Employer Engagement:**

1. CVS Health – planning meeting for setting up WBL opportunities for students – flyer developed; presenter to attend the March College & Career Counselor Network meeting
2. DHL/Supply Chain OKI – meeting to plan for spring co-ops for logistics/supply chain students (Ignite and River Cities)
3. Jurgensen Companies – continued planning for the implementation of the MACC Tech program (Mining, Asphalt, Concrete and Construction Technology) – in-depth discussion on curriculum development
4. Armor USA – toured by
5. Fives Group – toured by Beechwood HS
6. Met with staff from Clark Shaefer Hackett (Accountancy firm, downtown Cincinnati) to tour the facility and plan for school tours starting in March 2023
7. Spoke with the HR Director at Arlinghaus Plumbing to discuss potential WBL opportunities for students

**Community Partner Engagement:**

* The connector (along with the rest of the NaviGo team) met Brighton Center’s Workforce Development team to discuss/further develop our partnership.

**School Engagement:**

* The connector met with district personnel from the Kenton County School District to plan for implementing internships and holding a district-wide career fair
* The connector will assist Dayton, Bellevue and Newport districts with recruiting businesses for their Spring career fair

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The connector has engaged three more educators to participate in this working group – first meeting scheduled for early January

* The connector met with Pillar 2 Leads to discuss metrics/data collection

**Other:**

* The counselor attended the Covington Business Council annual dinner as a guest of Duke Energy
* The connector participated in a Poverty Simulation for the NKY Chamber’s Regional Schools Leadership Class of 2023
* The counselor attended the Greater Cincinnati Mentor Leadership Alliance (GCMLA) leadership team meeting to plan for mentor advocacy
* The connector met with the MyCareerE3 developer (Rare Bird) to discuss the outcomes of the brainstorming session with school counselors (on how MyCareerE3 will work for their particular schools) – this meeting went very well, and the developer is now looking at how best to implement these suggestions within the platform

**Note:** Last day of work for December for the connector was Dec 22nd – PTO and holidays