**NKY College & Career Connector**

Report: Jun 2023

**Direct work with students**

* Partnered with Gateway to offer summer camps in both automotive (1 week) and healthcare (3 weeks) – we had circa 60 students for healthcare and 16 for automotive. The camps went very well, and student evaluations are very positive.
* Partnered with Duke Energy to provide a one-day ‘Women in Leadership and Energy Careers’ camp – 5 students attended, and Duke Energy went over and above to provide a very engaging experience to students.
* Spent some time at Ludlow’s 3-week SOAR summer camp (circa 39 students, 7th – 9th grades), and accompanied them on their field trip and tour of Jurgensen.
* Partnered with the Enzweiler Institute to offer three weeks of Skilled Trades summer camps to students – circa 60 students attended.

**School Engagement:**

* **Ludlow**
  + Organized the field trip to Jurgensen for their summer camp participants.
* **Newport**
  + Met with the FRYSC coordinator to plan ahead for field trips for the coming school year.
* **River Cities**
  + Co-facilitated the River Cities Network meeting – the last for this school year. This was a celebratory meeting highlighting all the amazing opportunities and events that students attended.

**Employer Engagement:**

* Met with **Krauss Maffei** (X 2) to discuss the possibility of developing an Advanced Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship program for students – as a pathway to the NKY FAME program.
* Met with **Concorde Fire Protection** to discuss partnerships with schools and work-based learning opportunities for students.
* Met with the apprenticeship coordinator for **Mubea** and will tour their facility next month.
* Met with the HR Director with **Specialty Interiors** to discuss partnerships with schools and work-based learning opportunities for students.
* Met with **BMW** to discuss the possibility of having a NaviGo Scholars Auto Group next year, along with other work-based learning opportunities for students.
* Met with **Samaritan Car Care** to discuss offering internships to students in the coming school year.
* Met with **Performance Automotive** to discuss partnerships with schools and work-based learning opportunities for students.
* Representatives from both **DHL** and **St. Elizabeth** attended a recent workforce partner meeting to inform other employers about the value of work-based learning form students and the benefit it has to their respective businesses.

**Community Partner Engagement:**

* Presented to a group of employers at the recent workforce partnership meeting at the **Kentucky Career Center** – I was invited to present on the value of work-based learning.
* Met with **community partners** to discuss engagement with AMIP and/or developing our own NKY manufacturing collaborative – **Gateway, Brighton Center, NKADD, Kentucky Career Center**
* Attended the Greater Cincinnati Mentor Leadership Alliance **(GCMLA)** leadership meeting to plan for driving this work forward – Advocacy & Marketing efforts.
* As part of the leadership team of **AMIP**, I attended a meeting to plan for Manufacturing Month 2023. The rest of the team were eager to use the resources I have developed – Employer Engagement Form, School Engagement Form, and the Company Tour Guide.
* Attended the recent ‘**Spirit of Construction’** grant awards event and presented to attendees on the projects that NaviGo will use the $7,500 award – the summer camps and the NaviGo Skilled Trades Scholar Group. Met with many construction companies at the event, along with non-profits and schools from both KY and OH. (For NKY, Brighton Center, NKCAC, NaviGo, Holmes HS and Campbell Co. ATC received grants).
* Attended the **NKY Chamber’s** new ‘Leadership Alumni Summer Series’ to discuss the ‘New Psychology of Work’ - there will be two more sessions over the summer.
* Recently joined the board of a new non-profit called ‘**Oh She Built That’** – this program provides construction hands-on training to middle and high school female students (during/after school and over the summer). Volunteered at their recent fundraising event.
* Met with **SCOKI** to discuss/plan for the coming school year.
* Attended the **Health Collaborative’s** ‘Regional Career Exploration Collaborative’ meeting.
* Participated in the recent **KY CTE Certification application review** and learned of two new certifications that will soon be added to the NKY Valid Industry Certification List.

**MyCareerE3:**

* Will focus next month on getting MyCareerE3 ready for the new school year – with the added features and filters in place, I will develop on-pagers for students, educators, parents and business partners, along with training materials and resources.