**NKY College & Career Connector**

Report: Jul 2023

**School Engagement:**

* Met with **Lindemann Elementary** (Erlanger/Elsmere) to discuss/plan for a career exposure program/event for elementary students – this early exposure will help students to become more self-aware, learn of their interests, abilities, and strengths, and spark their curiosity.

**Post-Secondary Engagement:**

* Met with **Gateway** to discuss and plan for dual enrollment & training hub orientations.

**Employer Engagement:**

* Meet with the HR Director of **Kroger Distribution Center** and toured their facility – they have committed to providing tours, internships, and shadowing experiences to students, along with attending career fairs and being guest speakers.
* Attended a SWAT Meeting (Strategic Workforce Action Team) with **Charter Communications** and explored ways they can provide WBL opportunities for students.
* Met with the **BMW Store** to discuss partnering with schools and they have agreed to host a NaviGo Scholars Auto Tech group for this coming school year.
* Toured **Greenway Innovations** to learn of their operation and explore WBL opportunities.
* 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 (twice) with **Crane Composites** to assist them with developing a WBL plan that will include tours, internships, guest speakers, shadowing, and career fairs.
* Met with **Kellogg’s** to learn more of their apprenticeship program and to identify ways they can provide exposure to students **–** they have committed to tours, shadowing, guest speakers and career fairs and wish to present their opportunities to counselors at one of the monthly College & Career Counselor Network meetings in the new school year.
* Met with **Celanese** to discuss partnering with schools – they have agreed to offer tours during Manufacturing Month (Oct) with a view to expanding on this thereafter.
* Met with **track group** to partner for Manufacturing Month – track works with a lot of manufacturers in the region.
* Met with **AMIP** (Advanced Manufacturing Industry Partners) to plan for Manufacturing Day (Oct)
* Met with **St. Elizabeth** to discuss their part-time (paid) employment opportunities open to high school students – Patient Assistance & Phlebotomy. These will be great opportunities for students interested in healthcare to get a real feel for the industry, while also building on their resumes and developing their networks.

**Community Partner Engagement:**

* Met with the new Business Services Coordinator at the **Northern Kentucky Area Development District –** this is a new position, and this coordinator will work on connecting NaviGo to business partners.
* Attended GROW NKY Pillar 2 meeting with other partners to discuss work-based learning/MyCareerE3, YouScience, and Dual-Enrollment. Partners also presented updates and NaviGo gave a report on the amazing summer camps attended by students in June (Healthcare, Auto-Tech, Skilled Trades, and Women in Energy Leadership Camp.
* Met with the GROW Backbone Agency (**Northern Kentucky Area Development District**) to discuss the future of MyCareerE3, including the ongoing funding of the platform.
* Met with the new Apprenticeship Workforce Consultant with the **NKY Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services** to introduce her to the NaviGo services and the role of the College & Career Connector. This partnership will lead to connections with employers interested in connecting with schools and students, and in developing apprenticeships & pre-apprenticeships.
* Met with a group of local agencies to discuss manufacturing in NKY with a view to setting up an NKY manufacturing collaborative – businesses will be surveyed on this at the end of August and this working group will reconvene to discuss the results of this survey and plan accordingly.
* Attended an information session facilitated by the **KY Education and Labor Cabinet** on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Statewide Reserve Fund – expectations/outcomes/eligibility, etc.
* As part of the **Greater Cincinnati Mentoring Leadership Alliance,** the connector facilitated a focus group with community partners to discuss the need for a regional Mentoring database that will connect mentors with mentoring organizations.
* Attended the **NKY Chamber’s** Leadership Alumni Summer Series - Developing a Culture of Well-being facilitated by the **Talent Magnet Institute** and attended by business and community partners.

**MyCareerE3:**

* Have been working closely with Rare Bird (developer) to get MyCareerE3 ready for the new school year – including all of the additions and filters the schools asked for, along with cheat sheets (guides) for each user – student, educator, business and parent. Please note that NaviGo has secured some grant funding to pay for these changes/additions.