



YOUTH EXPERIENCING SUCCESS

An initiative of the Delaware County WIB's Youth Council

2010 YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

On **April 19–21 2010**, The Delaware County Workforce Investment Board, Youth Council, Regional Career Education Partnership (RCEP) and the Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber will be sponsoring the **second** annual Delaware County Youth Leadership Academy (YLA). The goal of the YLA is to introduce Delaware County 10th graders to local business, government, nonprofit and media leaders. Representatives from these sectors will engage students in a dialogue about the skills that will make students successful, realize the importance of giving back to the community and discuss how to find a career that they will love. Each local high school (public and private) is invited to submit ONE nominee from their school who will then be invited to participate in the program. In addition, local businesses can also submit ONE nominee. We will select up to 5 business nominees to participate in the Academy. **Nominations are due by February 12, 2010.** To download the YLA application packet on-line please, go to www.delcoworks.org and click on the Youth Leadership Academy application link. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Heather Warman at 610.447.1433 or YLA@delcoyouthcouncil.org

APRIL 2010 - EDUCATOR IN THE WORKPLACE MONTH:

Due to the positive feedback received from the October 2009 Educator in the Workplace event, the Delaware County WIB's Youth Council and Regional Career Education Partnership (RCEP) have declared **April** as Educators in the Workplace month. Our goal is to link up to 25 educators from throughout Delaware County with employers in healthcare and applied engineering for a day-long job shadow.

Local employers that participated in the event last year included:

Crozer-Keystone Health System
Southco
Synthes
Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital

Through the Educators in the Workplace program, educators will have the opportunity to:

- Tour an employer worksite
- Get an introduction to the company and the industry
- Observe different occupations in action using technologies and practices of today

Learn about the skills, knowledge and abilities required to be successful and what young people should do to prepare for various careers in the industry.

For more information regarding this event; please contact Heather Warman at 610-447-1433 or heatherwarman@delcoyouthcouncil.org

Ninth Annual Excellence in Youth Awards Call for Nominations

The Delaware County Workforce Investment Board, Youth Council and its partnership with County Council, wish to recognize outstanding youth, employers who promote youth programs and exemplary adults who have contributed to the success of youth. If you know of someone deserving of a nomination, please

Contact Steve D'Avanzo at 610-447-1432 for a full list of criteria materials. Nominations are due **February 24, 2010.**

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2009 Health Careers Week Outcome

For the sixth year, the Delaware County Workforce Investment Board sponsored career awareness events in Health Care and Applied Engineering throughout November. Aimed at showcasing the wide range of rewarding careers available in health care for 6th to 12th graders, all county public, private and parochial schools were invited, in fact, more than 1000 students participated. Events included Health Care Hero Award, STEM forum for Educators, High school Career Fair and Middle School Presentations. Feedback from the events was overwhelmingly positive, educators felt more comfortable discussing emerging careers in the sciences field. For more information regarding 2010 Health Careers Week please contact Heather Warman at 610.447.1433 or heatherwarman@delcoyouthcouncil.org

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Beginning in September 2009, the Delaware County Youth Council partnered with the Delaware County Times highlighting outstanding students who go the extra mile. Criteria for these students include being a Delaware County resident, active in schools clubs, actively volunteering in the community and mentoring others. Good deeds and exceptional stories may also be published.

To date, the following students have been featured:

Samantha Golay- Academy Park
Richard Tutak- Chichester
Nicole Wright- Garnet Valley
Madeline Howard-Haverford
Shanice O'Connor-Penn Wood
Leah Malmut- Strath Haven
Ellen Fagan- Academy of Notre Dame
Stephen Welcovitz- Strath Haven

If you know of an outstanding student deserving of a nomination, or would like additional information, please contact **Madeline Bialecki** at **610.447.1433** or **StudentSpotlight@delcoyouthcouncil.org**

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY'S 3-E INSTITUTE

The Delaware County Regional Career Education Partnership (RCEP) is pleased to announce that it will be sponsoring up to five full and partial scholarships for educators interested in participating in West Chester University's 3 E Institute Summer Externship program. This 3-credit graduate course helps middle and high school educators better understand regional workforce development needs and allows them to explore how to align curriculum and instructional practice with workforce development goals in the region and the Commonwealth.

Through the program, participants will work collaboratively for 35 hours during the summer with an externship partner from a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) employer. They will participate in job shadows, interviews and researching the educator's core content area in relationship to the STEM employer's business. This allows educators to develop enhanced, real-world connections for use in their classroom curriculum. During September, 2010 the educators and their externship partners will re-convene to debrief and share their experiences and consider future opportunities and collaborative possibilities.

The Externship's course credits count towards West Chester University's 12-credit Graduate Certificate in Entrepreneurial Education, which can serve as the Focus of Inquiry in a Master of Elementary Education or Master of Professional Studies and Secondary Education at the University.

To date, 42 educators from 14 area schools districts have completed externships. Many of them have linked their extern businesses to their classes with visits, curriculum development collaboratives and school field trips.

Educators who are interested in participating in the program should contact Michele Martin, Delaware County RCEP Coordinator via email at michelemmartin@gmail.com or by phone at 610-248-6230. The deadline for scholarship applications is March 5, 2010.

DELAWARE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MAKING AN IMPACT

Ridley High school's Work Study Program has 95 students. Each student is paid a legal wage, work a minimum of 15 hours a week to gain credit for their employment and gains valuable on the job training. Thanks to the Delaware County business community 98% of students enrolled in the program are gainfully employed. The Work Study Program at Ridley High school is designed to maximize achievement of desired outcomes for students, employers and the school.

Some of the local Delaware County Employers involved are:

Kidz Connection Learning Center
The Coffee Station
Crozer Hospital
Roma Deli
Swiss Farms

UNITED WAY OF SOUTHEAST DELAWARE COUNTY WITH HARRAH'S RACETRACK & CASINO

United Way of Southeast Delaware County is pleased to announce that for 2010 and 2011, Harrah's Racetrack & Casino will donate \$200,000 to scholarship programs benefiting Chester residents. For the third consecutive year Harrah's has partnered with the United Way of Southeast Delaware County and other community members to facilitate the scholarship. Applications will be available for distribution in February of 2010. United Way of Southeast Delaware County is proud to provide opportunities for a brighter future in southeast Delaware County.

Please contact United Way of Southeast Delaware County's Community Impact Manager Rich Crespo with any questions at 610-874--8646 x 106 and rcrespo@uwdelco.org