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Whitewater Career Center News



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Career Quest

More than 50 6th and 7th graders explored career options at WCC's first Career Quest open house on October 11. Staff at WCC understand the significance of guiding students toward successful careers and believe that journey starts early. Students begin creating their high school schedule in the 8th grade, so 6th and 7th grade students were invited to help prepare them to create their schedule and include WCC.

At Career Quest, students and parents were able to:

- Try hands-on activities
- Tour the campus and classrooms
- Interact with staff and current students
- Learn about career opportunities
- Plan to attend WCC

After the event, Brayden B. shared that he was "really excited to come to Career Quest. I liked the hands-on and working with the high school kids." Brayden is a 6th grade student and he is already



thinking ahead. He says he is going to enroll in the [Automotive Technology](#) program for two years and then enroll in one year of [Electricity](#).

Hands-on activities included working on the simulator in [Welding Technology](#), creating monster characters in [Graphic Design](#), fingerprinting in [Criminal Justice](#), building boxes in [Construction Technology](#), styling mannequins in [Cosmetology](#), taking blood pressures in [Health Science](#), decorating cupcakes in [Culinary Arts](#), problem solving a scavenger hunt in [Education Careers](#), using a spray gun in [Automotive Collision Technology](#), cutting and engraving a metal key fob in [Precision Machine Technology](#), and more.

[WCC](#) offers a unique blend of academic education, hands-on training, simulation, and industry exposure. WCC students earn high school credits, college credits, and industry certification simultaneously. This not only accelerates their education but also helps students transition seamlessly into higher education and the workforce.



[Automotive Technology](#)



[Construction Technology](#)

Career Success in a Growing Industry

Meet Dillon Miller

Dillon Miller continues to use the skills he learned in WCC's [Electricity](#) program. When he graduated from Union County High School in 2016, he spent 5 years working with the electrical union IBEW 648 in Hamilton, OH and earning his Journeyman's Card. He then worked two years in maintenance at Earlham College in Richmond, IN. He now works as a Field Service Engineer covering Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati for [SUNGROW](#). Dillon stresses there is a lot of opportunity in the solar field. SUNGROW manufactures invertors for solar panels and is a leader in research and development for solar invertors. When asked for advice for students, Dillon

emphasized how much his experience at WCC helped him. He encourages students to "pay attention and focus on learning as much as you can."



Hoosier Feeder continues to support WCC Welding

Promotional Video Highlights Partnership

[Hoosier Feeder Company](#) and [PMMI](#), The Association of Packaging and Processing, have partnered to provide Whitewater Career Center's Welding Technology Program with a \$2200 donation through the PMMI U Skills Fund. The [Welding Technology](#) program supports comprehensive student engagement with both classroom and hands-on learning experiences including oxy-fuel cutting, shielded metal arc welding, safety skills, print reading, electrical principals, mechanical drawing, and more. During their senior year, students can secure apprenticeships with local companies. Hoosier Feeder Company currently employs several current and former Whitewater Career Center students. "Most of our past graduates continue to work in the local area" states Phil Bedel, welding instructor at Whitewater Career Center. "With the support of local businesses like Hoosier Feeder Company, and organizations like PMMI, our program continues to evolve, and we are able to provide even greater support and education for our students" comments Bedel. "We are so proud to support the Whitewater Career Center Welding Technology Program. The students are energetic and eager to learn" notes Stacy Johnson, vice president – business development at Hoosier Feeder Company. "It's wonderful to see their growth and we are happy to be a part of their transition into the workforce".



Watch the partnership video at <https://youtu.be/mOCL9NOEztg>



TONY DURITSCH

Student Accountability
& Data Coordinator

WELCOME TO WHITEWATER CAREER CENTER



Tony Duritsch is a dedicated education professional with a passion for student success. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Georgetown College and a Master's degree in Education from IUPUI.

Tony's career in education includes serving as a High School Counselor at Union County High School and as Student Services Director at Franklin County High School. He currently works as the Student Accountability and Data Coordinator at Whitewater Career Center, where he brings innovative ideas to career education programs.

Outside of work, Tony enjoys family life with his wife, Myra, and two children, Tinley and Tate. They love adventure, including annual trips to Kings Island and cycling. They also relax in Siesta Key, Florida.

Tony's dedication to broadening students' perspectives has led him to lead seven educational trips abroad with EF Tours, expanding his students' global awareness.

Tony strongly subscribes to the philosophy that career education plays a crucial role in shaping students' futures. He believes that by preparing students with real-world skills, connecting them with relevant industries, and instilling in them a sense of purpose and ambition, they are empowered to achieve their maximum potential.

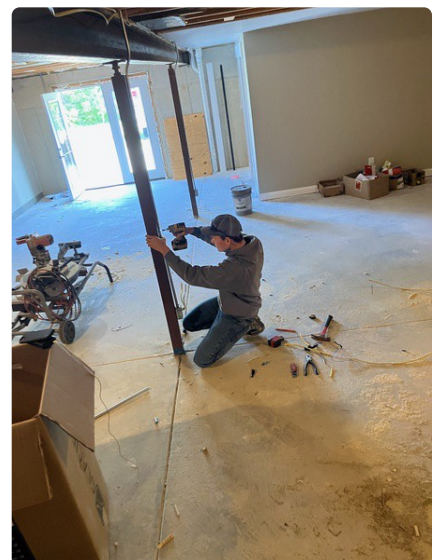
Work-Based Learning Experiences



Jonathon W.
[Diesel Technology](#),
Franklin County Highway
Department



Sophia N. & Luke R.
[Graphic Design](#),
WCC Graphic Production



Sam B.
[Electricity](#),
Hirt & Ellco

Reminder:

Applications for the 2023-2024 school year will be online Dec 1.
The due date is March 15, 2024.



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WCC offers 13 career programs for high school juniors and seniors.

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