

Career Planning Coordinator Report
March 2014
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“Ready To Series”... Report

“Ready to Live”

Part 1 of the *Financial Planning* series took place over 4 days on Jan 31, Feb 4, Feb 7 and Feb 11th. Trevor Allburn, a graduate assistant from Penn State Behrend’s Center for Financial and Consumer Outreach, presented *Budgeting* and *Credit* seminars to *all* of our juniors and seniors. He also touched on some basic *investment* strategies. Tammy Bright and Remle Moyak discussed a follow-up activity for the students; which resulted in a Math League. A big “THANK YOU” goes out to Tammy for creating this great activity to reinforce the principles of Budgeting and Credit introduced by the speaker.

Part 2 of the *Financial Planning* series is scheduled over 4 days in March. Representatives from Marquette Saving Bank are set to present “Protecting your Identity” and “Checking & Savings” to our juniors and seniors.

“Ready to Work”

The 2nd *Annual Military Panel* discussion took place on February 26, 2014 for all interested students. The Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Marines, Army, Army Reserve, Navy, Navy Reserve, and Coast Guard were in attendance. The recruiters did a wonderful job and presented valuable information for the students about the opportunities that exist in the military, as well as dispelled some of the misconceptions about the military. Approx 200 students were present.

The CPC is in the final stages of planning the *Apprenticeship and Training Panel*, scheduled for Friday, March 21. Representatives from various building trades have been contacted and have expressed a great deal of enthusiasm for this event. Approx 150 students from Electrical Engineering, Construction Trades, Facility Maintenance, and Metal Fabrication will be in attendance for the event to explore the opportunities that exist through the trades.

Problem Solving/Decision Making workshops are currently being conducted in the classrooms with all students. Students are given the opportunity to practice the 5 step problem solving process during the lesson and writing prompts are provided to instructors as a follow-up to this activity.

“Ready for College”

An *SAT registration* workshop is scheduled for March 27, 2014 for any students interested. Additional workshops are planned for April and targeting ECTS juniors. Individual SAT/ACT registration for students is also offered by the Career Planning Coordinator as needed.

College Exploration workshops were conducted in November; additional dates are being planned for April. Students begin exploring various post-secondary options and are provided with resources to assist them in making informed choices about their available options.

Scholarships Searching workshops were also conducted in November, with additional workshops being planned for April. Students are provided with the tools necessary to conduct their own on-line searches for scholarships. The CPC also provides copies of available scholarships to students on an on-going basis.

Student Recognition:

Each month, the Career Planning Coordinator accepts nominations for the Millcreek Kiwanis Citizenship Award. The prerequisite for this award is “an individual who has demonstrated moral character, courage, leadership, health and physical fitness, service, recognition received for their efforts, scholastic preparation and total citizenship.” Students receive certificates of achievement and a \$100.00 book scholarship at the awards ceremony. The CPC attended the Feb 24, 2014 at St. Mary’s Center and plans to attend the March 24, 2014 ceremony as well. Nicholas Scott, Computer Programming, Harbor Creek was selected as the March recipient.

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6 ECTS students attended the Rotary Outstanding Vocational Award Leadership Camp in Sandy Lake, PA on March 16-17, 2014. The CPC coordinated the recruitment of the students and their sponsorship from the City of Erie, Wesleyville, and Edinboro Rotary Clubs. Joe Tarasovitch, Principal, chaperoned the trip. Students in attendance were:

- Karen Biebel – General McLane
- Greg Leretsis- General McLane
- Andrew Wright – General McLane
- Justin Palazzotto – North East
- John Peterson – McDowell
- Chris Winkelbauer – Ft.Leboeuf