

Business and Industry Partnership Coordinator's Report

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Co-op, Intern, Shadow, etc. Update: Since the end of the 2018-2019 school year 207 visits, observations, site inspections, etc. have been made to AYES, Co-op, intern, shadow, etc. sites as of February 29, 2020. Currently there are 122 students on the Co-op, intern or shadowing "call-back" list. These range from the beginning procedures to being actively on the Job. Due to the current COVID19 situation, the following position has been taken in regard to on-line instruction of our co-op students (this position has been taken by an extremely large number of CTC/CTE's throughout PA): *Effective March 16, 2020, the ECTS Cooperative Education program had been suspended until further notice. However, there was a strong potential that many of the remaining parties involved in each placement (student, parents, employer) agreed on some type of employment continuation arrangement. If that happened, it was strictly an employment agreement between the student and the employer, not under the Cooperative Education Program, and your Employer is required to begin deducting Unemployment Tax. The official position of ECTS was/is that we do not recommend that our students report to their placement out of concern for their safety and the potential for exposure to the COVID19 virus. That being said, moving forward and until further notice, Cooperative Education student status will revert back to the Student's individual Technical Program. The student will be required to complete whatever the Instructor assigns to the rest of the class during this time. I want to be clear that if the you remain employed during this time, you are not released from any activity your Instructor prepares for the rest of the class. You should be completing anything your Instructor assigns you.*

Thank you, and I wish you well.

Mr. Eggleston

March 3, 2020, OAC Dinner/Meeting Progress: We had 192 attendees for the OAC dinner and meetings. The menu, member gifts, etc. were prepared with the invaluable help of our Secretaries; Pam Pence & Pam Lasher, our Aide, Nancy Makowski and Marla, Nicole, Courtney and Lexi of the Nutrition Group.

Meetings, Presentations, Trade Shows, Field Trips, etc.: Numerous meetings have been conducted with Support Staff, Potential Employers, etc. Many Co-op, Internship and Shadowing presentations have been made to ECTS Labs. Numerous conferences, trade shows, field trips, etc. have been attended with significant success. Continued attendance at conferences, seminars, meetings, presentations, trade shows, field trips, etc. is planned.