

Dear parents/guardians,

We are pleased to announce expansion of our WCASD Career Education Program, offering juniors and seniors added opportunities to experience the world of work through our job shadowing and internship initiatives.

- Job shadowing allows students to further develop their career goals, and to better understand how knowledge learned in the classroom translates to success in the workplace. An employer demonstrates the connection between academics and careers, inspiring students to learn by making their coursework more relevant.
- Job shadowing exposes students to career settings within their areas of interest, and offers firsthand knowledge about different career fields and 21st century employment skills. Students gain a better understanding of the workplace and the types of skills needed for employment success.

Here are two ways you can help.

1. Community Employer Support - if you or someone you know in the business, educational, or health-related fields are ready to assist us in preparing and inspiring our students to succeed in the world of work, please contact Donna Foley by email, dfoley@wcasd.net, or by phone, 484 266-4335. Please provide contact information and include if you have participated in the past in any job shadowing, internship, career day, or other school/community event.

2. Volunteer - opportunities are available for parents/guardians to witness firsthand the valuable lessons students learn on job shadowing experiences. School volunteers are required to have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal history check (no cost), child abuse history certification (no cost), and if the volunteer has resided in Pennsylvania for fewer than 10 years, a federal criminal history check. **If interested in volunteering, please contact Donna Foley by email, dfoley@wcasd.net, or by phone, 484 266-4335.**

We appreciate your time and sharing of resources, and look forward to continuing to strengthen our children's future and the future of our community. Thank you for your support!

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Career Education Counselors

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