



Mercer County ESC
Business Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting #3
April 5, 2024

*Serving Celina, Coldwater, Fort Recovery, Marion Local, Parkway,
St. Henry and Versailles Schools, and Business Partners throughout the Region*

11:00 am ***Welcome! And Lunch***

Sandi Holdheide, Mercer County ESC Career Navigator and BAC Planning Group:
Jared Ebbing, Mercer County Community & Economic Development Director;
Tammy Eilerman, Lake Campus BEC & Workforce Development Director;
Brian Stetler, Tri Star Career Compact Assistant Director
Shelly Vaughn, Mercer County ESC Superintendent

Table Introductions/Ice Breaker: Where do you plan to view Monday's Eclipse and how has this phenomenon impacted your work?

11:20 am ***Informational Insights***

Work-Based Learning Overview: Connecting Education & Industry

Brenna Bartlett, Assistant Director, and

Emma Waymire, Work-Based Learning Education Program Specialist

Office of Career-Technical Education, Department of Workforce & Education

- [Click for presentation slides \(PDF\)](#). Highlights:
 - Minor labor laws are more flexible than ever
 - There are tax credit incentives, state funds available
 - “Sustained interactions” over a period of time is a critical piece of the definition
 - Remember to directly interact with students, rather than having “an adult buffer” so this emulates the real world
 - There are always opportunities to develop new programs - see us for details!

11:50 am ***Partner in Providing Paid Experiential Learning Opportunities for Students***
[Patty Buddelmeyer, Senior V.P. of Development](#)

Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE)

- [Click for presentation slides \(PDF\)](#)
- Consider attending their May 10 Virtual Lunch & Learn, talking workforce strategy and Gen Z.
- If you have questions about what might be considered as a Tech Internship (maintenance, health care, etc.) please reach out to SOCHE/Patty.

12:20 pm ***Pre-Apprenticeship Highlight***

Jeff Pax, Administrative Manager, & Carol Knapke, HR Manager, Pax Machine Works, Inc.

Jenny Dippold, School Counselor, and Brayden Pavelka, Marion Local High School

- Communication is key in keeping all parties engaged and aware of progress.

12:30 pm ***Working Group Highlights***

Essential Skills Development/Credentials: Shelly

- Ohio Means Jobs Exploration and Progress
- Next Meeting: May 1 - email Shelly.Vaughn@mercercountyesc.org if you are interested

Job Shadow Experiences: Sandi

- Toolkit Now Available: See our website

Events/Tours/Awareness: Jared/Brian

- April 30 In-Demand Learning Lab
- May 9 Tri Star Spring Job Fair

12:40 pm ***Share Informational Items, Best Practices, Pain Points for Today/Future Discussion***

- VentureLINX: Ticket to Work
- WCOMP Scholarships and Summer Manufacturing Bootcamp

12:50 pm ***Moving Forward: Next Steps and Concluding Thoughts***

Jared Ebbing, Tammy Eilerman, Sandi Holdheide, Brian Stetler, Shelly Vaughn

- Save the Date for Quarterly Meeting #4:
Our Next Meeting Date Will Be Announced in Early May