



Business Advisory Council

The Final BAC meeting of the year will take place at Pioneer Career & Technical Center on April 26, 2023. Chris May, Director of the Richland Public Library will be speaking about youth programs. Dr. Eric Anderman, Ohio State University Mansfield, Interim Dean & Director will present his research on adolescent motivation & implications for Career Readiness. Melanie Kitchen & Ben Rietschlein, from the Ohio Contractors Association will be sharing Constructor for a Day and Technician for a day programs, and will offer our school counselors the opportunity to participate in their educator jobsite tour program next fall. At the conclusion of the BAC meeting, we will be touring an OAC jobsite to see a preview of the educator job site tour program.

On April 19, 2023 we will receive our BAC Award during the Success Bound Conference in Columbus. Teacher Bootcamps are beginning to fill with teacher registrations for each county. IST (Integrated Systems Technologies) will reimburse teachers for Richland County (\$125 per teacher) up to 24 teachers AND supply a 3D printer to the teacher who develops the most innovative project.

21st Century Community Learning Center Grants

New and continuation grant applications are in progress. ODE added 8 new required and 4 “priority” questions to the applications, but extended the deadline to April 28, 2023. Our after school programs at Galion will conclude in early May. We are planning for summer programs now, with the expectation that all programs will be wrapped up by the end of June.

After School & Summer Learning Grants (SPARC Council) “READY FOR HIRE”

Our last week of after school programming is complete, and we are continuing to plan for summer. We served 101 students in the after school portion of the program this year. Of those students:

- 27 completed virtual reality career exploration in 23 careers
- 10 industry professionals provided presentations on their respective careers
- 50 projects were designed with CAD software and printed on 3D printers
- 15 students earned the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal
- 10 students earned the Recreational Drone Pilot Certification
- 3 parent career engagement programs were held

Summer will focus on site based career readiness programs at Bucyrus Library, Selover Library while Richland County’s program will be exploratory with field trips each day throughout the business community.