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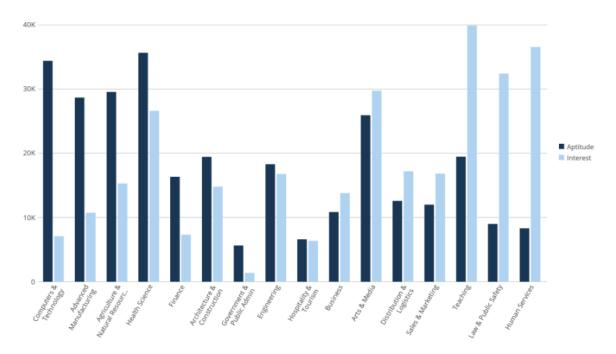
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# **Business Advisory Council**

On March 14, 2024 the Mid-Ohio ESC Business Advisory Council received the Workforce Development Award from the Crawford Partnership during the annual State of the Vision event, which took place at the Hub in Crestline. Cindy Wood, Community Development Director at Ohio State University Mansfield, and a member of the Crawford Partnership Board, presented Mr. Kimmel and me with the award. This was especially sentimental, since we worked closely in partnership with her for the Richland County Teacher Bootcamps in the Summer of 2023. The Crawford Partnership has been instrumental in supporting our program plans for Summer of 2024, stepping in to replace the Galion-Crestline Chmaber's role from last year. We are extremely grateful for this opportunity to continue to work together to support career readiness in Crawford County.

The final Business Advisory Council Meeting of the 23-24 School year will be held in Morrow County at the Ag Credit Building with One Columbus presenting. We will be able to announce that Tri Rivers will provide funds to purchase You Science for the 3 Morrow County Schools that would not be covered by Pioneer's purchase of this system for its schools in Richland, Crawford and Morrow Counties. This is an exciting accomplishment as it will provide the BAC with actionable data about gaps in student career aptitudes and interests. This is the sweet spot for developing new programs through the BAC. The table below provides an example of the kind of BAC and county specific data we could use. In this example, you can see that there are more students with aptitude for Technology, Advanced Manufacturing and Health Sciences than those who have interest. This is the opportunity for the BAC to help close the talent gap through raising awareness of occupations in those fields through intentional design of activities.

# Ohio students have talent - exposure gap, not talent gap



103,254 Ohio students' results from Aug 18, 2020 - Mar 16, 2024

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You can learn more about You Science by reading the One Pager linked here.

## After School & Summer Learning Grants (SPARC Council) "READY FOR HIRE"

The Ready for Hire program is gearing up for its final summer. Richland New Hope will again provide programs in Richland County, the Bucyrus Library has partnered for another tech rich summer and the Tomorrow Center will be offering summer this year as well. Stay tuned for details as these plans become finalized.

## **21st Century Community Learning Center Grants**

Fy25 Grants have been submitted to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. This is the last week of school year programming for Galion's 21CCLC Programs. The middle school will run a short program in June, and the High School will run at least 100 hours in June per grant requirements.

