

To: Terry Graves-Strieter and the GCESC Governing Board
From: Amy Baldrige
Re: Business Advisory Report, A Year at-a-glance, June 2023

The Greene County Business Advisory Council (BAC) had a busy and productive year expanding its membership and expanding its footprint across the county!

- We reviewed early literacy initiatives and the push from our governor in supporting Dyslexia initiatives in our schools (the impetus for this, the legal requirements for schools, and how literacy affects all - not only schools, but employers in businesses and industry)
- Promotion of Career Development
 - Pathful Explore Career Development platform seats were purchased for students in 2 grades (middle or HS) across Greene County districts, paid for through the Extended Learning grant award
 - We launched a large-scale internship partnership project sponsored by SOCHE and directed by SOCHE President and BAC member, Dr. Cassie Barlow, along with Pathful Explore partners (in progress)
 - GCESC hired 2 student interns through SOCHE to shoot film and facilitate the career interviews of 4 businesses this summer
 - DRMA partner and BAC member, Angelia Erbaugh assisted me in my efforts by connecting me with 2 GREENE COUNTY manufacturing businesses with whom to partner!
 - These video vignettes will be uploaded onto the Pathful Explore landing page to promote local business/industry partners and the careers they highlight - accessible by local students (through Pathful Explore membership seats availed to each district)
 - Pathful Explore Production Team is scheduling periodic meetings to provide us with technical guidance. This is an incredible networking opportunity for our student interns.
- Social-emotional and mental health of students, staff and families was highlighted with expertise clarified by Early Childhood Mental Health Director, Grace Schoessow. Several county agencies and partners collaborated on the The "Disconnect to Connect" initiative.
- Presentations over STEM-related initiatives were shared.
 - Fairborn high school's DoD STEM Ambassador teacher, Mandy Taylor, shared her plans to grow STEM-related awareness, competencies, and employability skills at Fairborn HS and regionally;
 - Also, NAMRU Dayton (Naval Aerospace Medical Research Unit) Biomedical engineer and BAC member, Stephanie Warner shared a presentation informing the BAC of multiple occupations and skills needed for the research projects occurring there.
- The Project Life program is in its third year of implementation - Updates were provided on its direction and services as the program continues to solicit candidates for enrollment. This program instructs "super seniors" in job coaching opportunities and employability skill development supports.
- Ed Marrinan introduced a new intern and shared an overview of Greene County Community Foundation
- Dayton Regional Manufacturing Association provided ongoing updates regarding activities sponsored for schools to help bridge the knowledge gap regarding manufacturing in our county and region
- BAC membership has become more diversified, and expanded to 50 engaged and contributing members!