

History 2010-present

2010-11

F-Wing opened in April with new health, printing and business labs, some classrooms and offices.

August - New front office complex, extra help center, and commons were completed.

B-Wing had new technology department, media center, new labs for Cosmetology.

C-Wing opened with Carpentry and Construction Technologies, Engineering Technologies, Precision Machining and Welding.

There were many new academic classrooms, and a science lab in the A-wing corridors.

Carpentry students and their instructor transformed the old culinary arts building into an administration building.

The cafeteria kitchen opened in October, and the Culinary Arts lab and restaurant opened in January.

In E-Wing, the Agricultural Mechanics, and Landscape and Plant Technologies labs were completed.

Adult and Community Education offices and some adult education classrooms moved into their building to the west of the Career Center.

In addition to English, students can now earn college credits in Social Studies and Math through our Dual Enrollment course options at the Career Center.

Adult and Community Education offered an LPN to RN program through Stark State College at the Career Center, as well as 24 credits toward bachelor degrees at Franklin University through the Career Center full-time adult career development programs.

2011-12

Career Tech Labs renovated: Early Childhood Education and Care, Auto Technologies, Criminal Justice, Truck Mechanics, and Buildings and Grounds. Maintenance and central receiving were completed, as were the paving and landscaping around the building.

Renovation of the entire Wayne County Schools Career Center building was completed in 2011 and celebrated at the Dedication Ceremony on Thursday, October 27. The school partnered with the Ohio School Facilities Commission on the 200,000-square-foot \$30.75 million project, which began in May 2009.

Hundreds of Wayne County and area citizens attended the Dedication Ceremony, which featured historical items and “before” and “after” pictures of the building. Many former staff and alumni attended, as well as current staff, county and state educators, and members of the community.

The high school added an additional “Extra Help” component, the Catch-Up Café, to its school day offerings. This enabled more students to complete assignments and for the first time, almost 600 out of 800 students were on the high honor, honor and merit rolls.

Two programs had 100 percent success in student licensure this year, Practical Nursing, both high school and adult; and high school Cosmetology. The LPN to RN program added a bachelor of science in nursing component, through the partnership with the University of Akron Wayne College.

Adult and Community Education had 87 percent positive post-program placement, and 98 percent of ABLE students who set obtaining the GED as their primary goal, earning their GED. Full time adult students received \$2.5 million in financial aid, and the Career Center worked with 87 local businesses and industries to provide customized training.

The Wayne County Schools Career Center hosted the Business Professionals of America regional competition in January. More than 110 students placed in the top 10 in state and national skill contests, and the Career Center had seven national winners.

A historical display of items dating back to the groundbreaking ceremony was erected in the Board Room. Names of all board members were placed on one of two plaques, and old documents, including the first levy poster, was included.

In May, Adult and Community Education hosted a very successful Job Fair and Open House, coordinated by Adult Ed Industrial Training Coordinator James Young.

The Information Technology department developed a new Tech Cohort to research and implement new technologies. All staff was trained on Google docs during inservice in the fall.

2012-13

New staff for the 2012-13 school year included new treasurer Mary Workman and new principal Matt Brown. New placement coordinator was Jean Boen.

The school held a Community Appreciation Day in September and was awarded the High Schools That Work Science Exemplar Award in the fall.

A Law Enforcement Academy began through Adult Education with 16 cadets.

Once again, the Career Center exceeded all state high school standards for Career Centers by the Ohio Department of Education.

An Ohio Board of Regents survey of Adult Education found that 99% of students would recommend instructors to others, 97% would recommend Career Center to others, and 96% would recommend their program to others.

All academic teachers will be using the new Common Core standards as their class curriculum starting next year.

The Snack Shack café opened at the back of the Commons for both high school and adult students.

The Career Center began a working relationship with Ohio Means Jobs in January, and provided sessions for training on OhioMeansJobs.com for Wayne County businesses and Career Center staff.

Adult & Community Education applied for accreditation with the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education in February.

Birdeye of Wooster filmed new promotional videos for both high school and adult education. Each Career-Tech program got its own footage for the web page, and the videos are being used to promote the district at the Wayne County Fair, and presentations at associate schools.

Construction Technologies completed the building of a fishing dock at the west side of a pond at The Village Network (formerly Boys Village).

Nevada Hickson of Wooster won the first Park Mazda Perfect Attendance Car Incentive Program prize of a \$750 scholarship or a \$2400 down payment on a car.

Adult & Community Education held its second annual job fair in May.

In the spring of 2013, the school changed the names of two programs to better represent the career focus. Utilities & Alternative Energy is now Powerline Technologies, and Graphic Design & Imaging is now Graphic Design & Photography. Graphic Design moved from F-Wing to C-Wing in the former Engineering Tech lab, and Buildings and Grounds moved to D Wing in the former Auto Body lab. The Catch Up Café was relocated to E wing, where Buildings and Grounds had been.

Adult & Community Education opened Cosmetology as a full-time program in August.

Staff participated in A.L.I.C.E. (Active Shooter Response Training) training to prepare for emergency situations.

The Engineering Technologies lab moved to Orrville High School, taught by William Peters, former Industrial Arts teacher at Orrville. It is part of the Project Lead the Way initiative. A crew of carpentry students, led by Rod Martell, renovated the rooms at Orrville High School for the program during the summer.

Buses were provided to take students to both Orrville High School for Engineering Tech and to Wooster for Exercise Science & Sports Medicine in the middle of the school day.

The Wayne County Schools Career Center joined with The Village Network to educate their students in Buildings and Grounds, Hospitality, and Landscape & Plant Technologies. Career Center instructors taught part time at TVN during the school year.

The Career Center received its first grade card by the Ohio Department of Education, earning an A in post-program placement, and a B in graduation rate. Also evaluated were secondary school completion, academic attainment in reading and math, industry credentials, dual enrollment, technical skill attainment, and non-traditional participation and completion.

2013-2014

The Career Center revamped its Advisory Committee meetings to better engage and connect with local employers, while partnering for success. Additionally, food stations were prepared by Culinary Arts and Hospitality students, and skill demonstrations by Career-Tech students. Interactive Media students videotaped reminders for those invited, which were emailed to committee members.

The Career Center hosted a breakfast for local industry representatives, celebrating Manufacturing Day. Other breakfasts were held throughout the school year for different groups.

In November, Debra McDonald was named Teacher of the Year by the Ohio Department of Education. She was the first teacher from Career-Tech to be an Ohio Teacher of the Year. She was honored at an assembly at the school, then made appearances at the Capital Conference in Columbus.

Board member Susie Lawson, also a board member for the Tri-County Educational Service Center, will be president of the Ohio School Boards Association in 2014. Lawson was formerly a board member for Chippewa Local Schools.

In January, Larry Acker joined the WCJVS Board of Education representing Wooster.

US Representative Jim Renacci and Supreme Court Judge Judith French visited the Wayne County Schools Career Center.

Birdeye of Wooster filmed new promotional videos for Engineering Technologies at Orrville High School and worked it into the original video (the lab wasn't completed when the original taping was done.)

Four Medical Assisting seniors passed the National Phlebotomy Certification test.

Adult & Community Education held a Career Expo in April.

In May, Engineering Technologies junior Jacob Greer of Dalton won the second Park Mazda Perfect Attendance Car Incentive Program prize of a \$750 scholarship or a \$2400 down payment on a car. Spurgeon Chevrolet is partnering with the Career Center for the 2015 award.

Eight Wayne County Schools Career Center students placed in the top 10 at national skill competitions, with four receiving gold medals, and 51 others placed in the top 10 at state skill competitions.

2014-2015

During Staff Convocation Day and Inservice Day the staff all went through a training session for "Bring Your A-Game to Work." Teachers had an extra session for certification to teach the A-Game curriculum which includes Attendance, Appearance, Attitude, Ambition, Acceptance, Accountability and Appreciation. These traits were discussed in Career-Tech labs each month, and quotes were on the morning announcements about each trait from local business and industry representatives.

The Catch Up Café was relocated to room F-112 wing.

Adult & Community Education received accreditation with the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education in August.

On September 4, Drug Free Clubs of America had its kickoff with 200 high school students and 15 staff members who joined voluntarily. The total number of students by the end of Drug Free Clubs of America membership drive was 272.

At Community Appreciation Day, there were 214 registered cars for the car show more than 700 sandwiches were prepared for our guests. Donors were Beaver Meats, Frito Lay, Nickles Bakery, Shreve Pizza Parlor and Sysco of Cleveland.

New banners for all the associate schools were purchased and put up at the B-C Wing student entrance and the commons. Red, white and blue welcome banners were hung on the outside light poles around the campus, signifying the Career Center “Providing Career-Tech Education Since 1969.”

The Guidance office was renamed “Student Services.” It includes Career Services Coordinator Jean Roberts, School and Community Relations Coordinator Danielle Starlin. Betty Hoefges moved to the iLab, where she coordinated credit recovery classes and guidance.

The Career Center received its second grade card by the Ohio Department of Education, earning an A in four-year graduation rates, a B in five-year graduation rates, and a C in technical Skill attainment and Post-Program Placement.

The Career Center celebrated Manufacturing Day by having trade demos set up at the Manufacturing Day event hosted by the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce. Other Partnering for Success luncheons were held during the school year.

We hosted 783 students on Sophomore Visitation Days on Nov. 20, 21 and 24. Besides the 10 public associate schools, students came from LEAP, Liberty Prep, Heritage Private, and Beacon Hill schools.

More than 600 guests attended the Open House on Dec. 4. Nine area businesses donated drawing prizes, and 4 colleges sent representatives.

The Career Center joined the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium, part of the Straight A Grant, and started to develop at Business Entrepreneur Class with Rittman, Orrville, Smithville, and Waynedale. Each had identical long-distance learning classrooms, with a teacher who rotated between all 5 throughout each week. Kelly Carmony Miller, a business teacher at Triway, was hired for this program. The program replaced Medical Office Management.

Landscape and Plant Technologies was changed to Landscaping and Turf Management, to reflect a focus on landscaping projects.

Exercise Science and Sports Medicine relocated to the Smithville campus from Wooster High School in 2015-16. A new lab was set up in F-110 and F-112. The Catch up Café was moved to the south side of the commons.

Staff and students were provided the new Microsoft 365 ProPlus software package free of charge if they wanted it for home use.

Senior government classes held a Skype with Hollywood actress Jeanine Turner about the U.S. Constitution. It was the first held of the kind through Constituting America.

The Career Center was promoted more on social media, including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, with Jean Boen Roberts doing Instagram and Twitter, and Danielle Starlin and Barb Houmard doing Facebook. Each month there was a different focus, but every month, current events were featured.

The school renovated its security system with more than 100 cameras installed and updated throughout the building.

With the retirement of Kirk Spurgeon from Spurgeon Chevrolet, the Career Center received the \$1000 check for a high school or adult education student who had perfect attendance at least one nine-week grading period, for a scholarship or down payment on a car. Greg Bachman of Norwayne, a senior in Ag Mechanics/Power Technologies won the \$1000. Next year, Chevrolet of Wooster will host the program, with dealer Steve Shane, who was also a Career Center Ag Mechanics graduate.

LuKUSA helped the Engineering program purchase a laser engraver, which was used to engrave the 22 wooden semi-tractor toys for the US Marines Toys for Tots project.

The Career Center joined Career Connections, a career readiness initiative for grades 6-12. The program was led by Jon Ritchie, superintendent of the Tri-County ESC, as well as Orrville, Rittman and Waynedale. Businesses including LuK, Tekfor, and Will-Burt bought into the program to produce a more skilled workforce. The Career Center's Career Services Coordinator Jean Boen Roberts made a presentation to the group about career readiness for business and industry. The ESC will hire a coordinator for the program soon.

At the May Board Meeting, the board recognized students for 63 awards for state top 10 contests, special awards, and 37 Ambassadors.

A total of 70 students participated in job placement this year, with 18,556 hours worked by Career Center high school students. Top employers were LuK USA, the Wayne County Humane Society, SH Distributing, Will-Burt, Morrison Custom Welding, J Horst Manufacturing, and the Career Center.

2015-16

Plans began to start construction on a RAMTEC Building in May 2016

The 1:1 Laptop Initiative started; each student received a laptop computer and case for classroom and home use

86 Seniors with 95% attendance or better and a 3.5 GPA or higher their senior year received \$50 off the cost of their laptops at the end of the year

Drug Free Clubs of America had 451 high school members, more than 57% of the student body

Bring Your A-Game to Work - Both Juniors and Seniors studied A-Game lessons. Banners were made for all 7 Qualities, put up in A-Wing. The Juniors' pre-test average score was 62.7%, and the seniors' post-test average score was 86.33%. 168 of 320 seniors earned the Certificate of Work Ethic proficiency.

Staff Awards included: Brett Gough, Buildings & Grounds Instructor, Paul Harris Fellow Recognition from Wooster Rotary; Kimberly Huffman, Senior Social Studies, Outstanding Secondary Social Studies Teacher Award from the Ohio Council for the Social Studies; Rodney Martell, Construction Instructor, WCSCC Teacher of the Year; Debra McDonald, Early Childhood Education Instructor, NEA Member Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence; and Bill Peters, Engineering Instructor, U.S. Marines Corps Reserve Commanders Award for Toys for Tots Donations; Jennifer Rue, Interactive Media Instructor; Business Professionals of America Nationals Emerging Advisor

Birdeye of Wooster made an all new program marketing video, including 5 student and alumni testimonials, and 25 individual program videos for the website.

Business Entrepreneurship Program - Kelly Miller, instructor, had 4 full-time students at Wayne County Schools Career Center; taught 119 other students at Orrville, Rittman, Smithville and Waynedale as well. Andrew Hyde was hired as proctor for that program.

In State and National skill contest, we had 1 national award for Business Professionals of America, 13 State-level awards for Culinary Arts; 3 National Gold Medal Winners in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America; 14 top 10 state winners in FFA, 11 top 10 state winners in Health Occupations Students of America and two national qualifiers; and 19 top 10 state, 4 national qualifiers, and 2 top 10 national winners in SkillsUSA.

66 students completed job placement programs; with highest placement in Ag Mechanics, Electronics. Precision Machining, Truck Mechanics and Welding

Anthony Carmany of Smithville won the \$1000 scholarship from Chevrolet of Wooster in the Car Incentive Attendance program.

Adult Education started full time programs in Auto Technology and Dental Assisting, and now allow online registration for classes and programs.

Adult Ed Job Placement for Full-Time Programs - Office Technology: 94%; Trade & Industry: 100%, Public Safety: 100%; and Medical Professional: 72%.

New staff were Adult Ed Public Safety Coordinator Greg Chandler; Adult Ed Financial Aid Clerk Taryn Wolf; Career Services Coordinator Sarah Morrow; Cosmetology Aide Terez

Bilinovich; Classified Support Specialist Alan Ross; Nighttime custodian Trevor Bowman; Adult Ed Career Services Coordinator Anna Phillips; Intervention Specialist Audrey Repp, and Taylor Bauman, long term math substitute.

2016-17

Construction Technologies moved to D Wing; Buildings & Grounds moved to the former Precision Machining Lab; and Precision Machining moved to the former Construction Lab.

The RAMTEC addition was completed and a Grand Opening was held on Oct. 27, 2016. Two instructors were hired for this: Devon Pawlus, CNC/Advanced Machining; and Drew Fuller, Robotics/PLC. Adult Ed classes began in January, and the high school classes for seniors only are scheduled for fall of 2017-18.

A senior teacher was added to the Business Entrepreneurship program, Julie Keener. Also added was a Dental Assisting instructor, Krista Garver; a Social Studies teacher, Aaron Schneider; an English Long-term sub, Kaylee Cottom. Lydia Bischoff was a new AA to the Director of Operations. Shelly Perry became Adult Ed Dental Assisting Instructor.

Aaron Miller became a Construction Technologies instructor at Green Local Schools.

More than 400 students and staff joined Drug Free Clubs of America for 2016-17 in September.