

The 1990s brought about a boom in technology as the WCSCC installed television monitors in all classrooms.

In 1991, the Career Center Board joined the Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding. They also received an interest-free loan of \$156,000 for Food Processing Building, and the first Tech Prep grant to encourage students to go on to college after taking career and technical training at the Career Center.

The first county-wide school Maintenance Workshop was hosted by the Career Center in 1992.

The school applied for and received the first Even Start grant of \$312,000 to help parents of preschoolers.

Wayne County's summer school moved to the Career Center in 1993. The building was retrofitted for energy that same year.

A summer intern program was initiated in 1994. Juniors were encouraged to find jobs in their field during the summer so they could continue to learn skills in their trades. The school installed a new electronic security system that same year.

1995 was the first year for the Business Technologies Tech Prep program, to encourage business students to attend college after graduation. Machine Trades became Precision Machining, and Food Processing became Meat, Bakery and Food Science.

## **1996**

Criminal Justice opened in 1996.

The school had a custom-built Mobile Technology Lab in 1996. The bus was used free of charge by all Wayne County School Districts for one week a year. The school also purchased its first digital camera, and started an internet website.

Saturday School became a reality in 1996, as the Career Center found it a useful tool for school discipline.

The Career Center carpentry program built a "Happy Birthday Wayne County" float for the 200th anniversary parade on August 17, 1996. Students, staff members and other county residents rode on the float and released balloons at the square in Wooster during the parade.

## **1997**

Attendance was computerized at the Career Center in 1997. Students and staff began wearing name badges early that year for identification, and later bar codes were added so students could scan in for attendance.

The school developed a new logo which included a globe and a textbook. "Education That Works" became our tagline.

## **1998**

The Career Center received a \$100,000 School to Work Grant, "Beyond the Boundaries of a Building-The Academy." That grant helped establish the Business & Management Technology Academy, which opened in 1998.

In August, 1998, the Career Center combined all the business programs into the Business & Management Technology Academy. Students received basic business training, and could major in one area. The Academy had 12 majors and added Hospitality and Tourism, Computer Information Systems, Computer Networking, and Administration & Management to its list of already successful marketing, banking and administrative support programs. A new Cisco computer lab was set up in the Business Academy to train students on the Internet for Cisco certifications. The Grand Opening for the Business Academy was on September 25, 1998.

The Career Center offered its first computer Internet courses through the Virtual Learning Academy.

An e-Rate grant of \$73,000 was received by the school that allowed us to network the entire building, running wire for voice and video into every room.

The Career Center signed an articulation agreement with North Central Technical College to provide college credit for high school classes taken at the Career Center.

## **1999**

The school was wired for voice, video and data through SchoolNet. The Fitness Training/Sports Medicine program opens as a satellite program at Wooster High School.