

The Wayne County Schools Career Center Outstanding Business Partner this month is The Wooster Glass Company. Accepting the award was Vice President Pat Neyhart. The business was nominated by Career Services Coordinator Jean Boen. Terry Saffell is a Wayne County Schools Career Center Alumni, who has been a long time employee. Terry started at Wooster Glass while he was in Carpentry in 1990.

Wooster Glass has been a part of Wooster since 1947, when Ralph Jones and his wife, Grace, moved from Cleveland to establish the company. Today, the company has 30 employees, and an office in Medina as well as on South Market Street in Wooster.

The company received the Business of the Year award from the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce in 2002, and Ralph Jones was the Chamber Wall of Fame recipient in 2005. Since Mr. Jones' passing in 2010, the company is now managed by Kathy Long and Pat Neyhart.

“Not only is this company supportive of many community initiatives, they are at the forefront of community connections between local business and the Career Center,” said Jean. “They openly talk about their relationship with WCSCC in a positive light. Pat Neyhart was an integral part of getting two important programs up and running at WCSCC: The Drug Free Clubs of America, and the CAD pilot class. The Wooster Glass Company is an outstanding partner because of the mutually beneficial relationship that has developed. Their advice, participation in programs and employment of our students is appreciated immensely.”

Wooster Glass hires Career Center students, and Kathy Long is a longtime supporter of the Career Center. Pat Neyhart supplies his business expertise to the Career Center, making positive suggestions and offering advice to Career Center staff about programs.

This past spring, Pat spoke to the students who attended the CAD class, and has been instrumental in supporting the Drug Free Clubs of America initiative.

The Career Center would like to thank Wooster Glass for its continued support of career and technical education in Wayne County.