

## Job Skills Training



### Welcome Extern

We extend a special welcome to Suyon Sturges, right, who joins our Council in an externship. She is working with Bev Whited, left, Communications Specialist at Hi-Ed.

Suyon is a 2010 Diploma Program graduate, and currently, is a multimedia graphic design student at Erie Institute of Technology (EIT) in Erie. Her training includes digital illustration, desktop publishing, Web design and development, digital photography, 3D modeling, multimedia presentation design, video game design and more.

Following graduation in March 2012, Suyon plans to find an entry-level Multimedia Graphic Design position to develop professional growth.

Residing in Sugar Grove, Suyon and her husband, Joe, have a son, Jonathan.

## Hi-Ed Classes

To register, or for more information, call 814-723-3222.

For full course descriptions and more offerings, go online to [www.hi-ed.org](http://www.hi-ed.org).

### Medical Terminology, \$159

W, February 8-March 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### Small Engine Repair, \$219

T/W, February 14-March 14, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

### Buying and Selling on eBay, \$29

T, February 7, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

## Computer Courses

### Word, \$89 each

Level I – M/W, February 6, 8, 13, 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Level II – M/W, March 5, 7, 12, 14, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### Excel, \$89 each

Level I – M/W, February 20, 22, 27, 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Level II – M/W, March 19, 21, 26, 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### Concepts of Publisher, \$39

W, March 7, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

## Manufacturer & Business Association

To register, call Daniel Monaghan at 814-833-3200, or register and for full course descriptions, go online at [www.mbausa.org](http://www.mbausa.org).

### Supervisory Skills Series

Tuesdays at Hi-Ed, 8:30-4:30 p.m.

Level II – February 7, 14

Level III – March 6, 13

Level IV – April 3, 10

Level V – April 24, May 1

## School to Work

### FAFSA Completion Workshop

M, February 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Space limited. To pre-register, call John Bonavita at 726-1260.

## School to Work Manufacturing Day Connects Students with Employers

Twenty three students from the Warren County School District invested a day into their future during Manufacturing Day, a new event sponsored by the School to Work Partnership of the Warren Forest Higher Education Council, and four local manufacturing companies.

Superior Tire and Rubber Company, Betts Industries, Ellwood National Forge, and Whirley DrinkWorks welcomed

the students and offered them a close look at the employment opportunities available in and around Warren. "Manufacturing is enjoying resurgence locally," noted Rod Henry of Betts Industries. "We want our young people to know there are opportunities to have a good job, a career right here in Warren."

Facility tours were offered at each location and flexibility made the experience more meaningful for students with special interests. According to John Bonavita, School Counselor for the Warren County Career Center, "We had three students with an interest in computers on the tour, and several of the companies were able to provide interaction with their information technology departments. It was a bonus for those students. We really appreciated the extra effort all the companies put forth."

The range of job opportunities students explored included, machine technology, welding, engineering, and information technology, to name just a few. Starting wages and pay scales were presented along with benefit information. "After the students realized that it was OK to ask about these things, they opened up and started asking the important questions that would help them decide where they might want to work," Bonavita noted. "Each student seemed to connect with one company or another. By the end of the day I could see the wheels turning and they really were thinking seriously about where they would like to be after graduation."

There is great variety among the products, processes and environments in manufacturing among these four companies. "What a great experience for students preparing to enter the job market in a few months," noted John Lasher, School to Work Coordinator who helped to organize the event. "Having our business partners open their doors and help students see the opportunities should pay a big dividend for the companies and the young people. With the success of this event, we will try to expand to other areas such as health care and the oil and gas industry."

More information about the Warren County Career Center can be found on the Warren County School District Website, <http://wcsdpa.org>. For more information about the Warren Forest Higher Education Council, the School to Work Partnership, or to participate in a career education event, go online to [www.hi-ed.org](http://www.hi-ed.org).



Chad Betts, vice president of engineering, above at right, takes a group of Warren County School District students on tour of Betts Industries.



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