

Career Tech Matters

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Pickaway-Ross is at the forefront of a new outreach initiative by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.



On Friday, Jan. 19, seniors will attend one of three presentations by BWC staff members presenting information about the agency.

"We want to go into high schools and talk with students about what we do," said Susie Gentner, an attorney with the BWC. "Eventually we want to visit high schools but we thought it was important to start with career centers."

Students will hear from a team of BWC staff members representing the departments of claims, employer services, fraud, legal, and safety and hygiene.

"We're hoping to give an overview of who we are and how we can help them."

Susie said the outreach was initiated because BWC staff members were seeing that workers and employers weren't sure where they could go when needing help with a job issue, such as filing a claim, applying for coverage or reporting fraud.

"We want them to know who to contact when they get out in the work force."

The presenters will give students an information card that details the agency's services.

BWC presentation schedule

Session 1: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

- Business and Info Tech Academy (GMW, IDA, NST)
- Engineering and Manufacturing Academy (ENT, MAC, PWT)

Session 2: 9:36 – 10:36 a.m.

- Education and Consumer Sciences Academy (CFC, ECE)
- Human Services Academy (COS, HCF, MC, LPS)

Session 3: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

- Construction Academy (CAR, CTC, ELE)
- Transportation Academy (ACR, AMT, DHT, HPAT, OPOW)

There will be an announcement at the time students are to report to the individual sessions.

CBI students and any other students who leave early for job placement from Construction or Transportation may attend Session 1 or 2.



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Some of the members of the Outreach Initiative who will be on campus next Friday are, front row, from left, Roxana Argueta Hernandez and Amanda Tedrick; back row, from left: Kevin Cogan, Susie Gentner, Stephanie Pauley, Michael Coates, Ben Crider and Tamela Dixon. Not pictured: Ecstasy Adkins, Elle Decot, Scott Fenton, Shawn Miller, Mark Nelson and Delia Treaster.

"Some topics to be covered are injured workers and claims; employer services; injured worker, health-care and employer fraud; and what to expect when attending a hearing," Susie said.

Another area that will be addressed is career opportunities at the BWC.

"We have career opportunities that students might not think about," Susie said, citing jobs in the areas of employer services, human resources, information technology, law enforcement, and legal and medical, as well as accounting/financial, actuarial, audit, claims services, building management, communication, and safety and hygiene.

Susie said presenters discussing potential BWC careers also will address tuition reimbursement, flexible schedules and educational opportunities.

Students will be able to ask questions of the presenters at the end of the session, scheduled to last one hour.

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