

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR ESTABLISHING PARTNERSHIPS**

### **Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber's "Guide to Business Education Connections"**

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber, in conjunction with the Luzerne County Business Education Partnership, has compiled and published this handy guide to help educators connect with programs and services offered to students and teachers by area businesses. Information you will find in each listing includes: the company's name, address, phone, and fax numbers, e-mail address and web site, name of a contact person in the company, the number of people employed, information on the type of business it is and its product or service, the educational and skill requirements for employees, whether or not the company provides speakers, and, if so, the topics and the grade levels to which the presentations are geared, and if tours are available for schools. You will find this guide to be a valuable addition to your instructional program. For further information, contact Jane Ashton, Director of Workforce Development at the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber @ (570) 823-2101, ext. 116 or at [jashton@wilkes-barre.org](mailto:jashton@wilkes-barre.org).

### **Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber's "Career Education and Work Activity Guide"**

This activity guide is intended to create awareness among parents, students, educators, guidance counselors and administrators regarding skill requirements and career opportunities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It is our intent to better counsel, advise and direct the youth of our community as they prepare themselves for the world of work. Sample classroom activities have been developed to be useful to teachers, helping them to meet the new Pennsylvania Department of Education Academic Standards for Career Education and Work. Materials can be adopted for instruction at the middle and high school levels. Although primarily developed for the classroom, parents and students may also use these activities at home or for a school project. The resource links contained in the back of this guide are intended for students who are in the process of exploring their career interests. For further information, contact Jane Ashton, Director of Workforce Development at the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber @ (570) 823-2101, ext. 116 or at [jashton@wilkes-barre.org](mailto:jashton@wilkes-barre.org).

### **Junior Achievement (JA)**

JA enables caring adults in the business world to share their experience with students in order to show them what it takes to be successful. JA's business and economics programs are for students in kindergarten through grade 12. The dynamic interaction between the volunteer and the students promotes active learning and brings theory to life. JA's approach integrates program materials, training and support. For further information, please visit JA's website at [www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org), or call at (570) 489-9474.

### **Luzerne County Academic Assessment Tracking System (LUCAATS)**

The Luzerne County Business Education Partnership, the link between school and the community, has developed a student tracking system for students from 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, and a follow-up tracking system from graduation through 21 years of age. LUCAATS, as it is called, serves as a contact to community organizations and agencies, provides a database of student academic and career information and is available for students from Luzerne County's 11 school districts and 2 vocational/technical schools. For further information, visit

LUCAATS online at [www.lucaats.com](http://www.lucaats.com) or contact Juanita Namey, Program Director, at (570) 820-7037.

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### **Northeastern Pennsylvania Tech Prep Consortium**

Tech Prep is a consortium of schools, colleges and industry members working together to help students and parents better understand career opportunities available in the region. The consortium helps schools develop training programs that prepare students for highly technical careers.

Once students enroll in a Tech Prep program, they are eligible for a variety of services free of charge. Some of these include: visiting college campus and sitting in on classes, visiting industry sites to see first hand what careers are about, career interest inventories to match your interests and abilities to career fields, tutoring assistance for students struggling in courses, workshops to help with study skills, time management and test taking and assistance in locating job shadowing and mentoring opportunities at industry sites to explore careers more in depth.

The consortium also offers a Leadership Academy for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. This five-day series of workshops at a college campus (taught by college faculty and industry professionals) focuses on teamwork, critical thinking, problem solving and customer service. The workshop ends with a banquet for students and parents highlighting what students have learned in the academy.

ALL Consortium activities are FREE OF CHARGE. Contact the Tech Prep office at (570) 740-0680 for more information or visit on-line at [www.academic.luzerne.edu/techprep](http://www.academic.luzerne.edu/techprep).