

First Choice Wins

First Choice Discovery Mentor Program: Currently we have 52 mentors who have indicated they will participate in the mentor program for the 10th grade. We held our first two mentor training sessions last Wednesday and Thursday and are holding our third mentor training session on Thursday 10/12. Some of the major themes covered in the training include:

1. How to Meet the Mentees where they are at: Mike from the Factory Ministries is helping mentors develop community awareness and understanding of our learners' diverse contexts.
2. Tips and Techniques for mentoring. Ashley Glensor is sharing her expertise as a veteran leader of the Chamber Mentor program in sharing valuable information on what makes an effective mentoring relationship.
3. Clifton Strengths: Melissa Jeanes, a certified Gallup Strengths Coach is sharing how to help the mentors understand and utilize individual strength reports to communicate about their unique strengths and talents and how they could be applied across different facets of life. (How to find out what is "right" with people.)
4. DISCOVERY Assessment: Laura Robbins, the training and IT coordinator at Kitchen Kettle Village, is helping mentors understand and appreciate the various relational styles categorized and highlighted by the DISCOVERY assessment, which is a modified version of the traditional DISC.

Manufacturers' Association Applied Technologies Pre-apprenticeship: We currently have five seniors signed up for this opportunity: Landon Stoltzfus, Boston Mecham, Gavin Flanagan, Jaquon DeCosta, and Jordan Lee.

BIA: Building Industry Association Career Expo Day. CORE will be traveling to the BIA on October 12 for an all-day hands-on expo gaining technical career exposure and networking opportunities with many of Lancaster's leading construction companies representing the

First Choice Meetings: The first choice career coordinator/Jared has met with 50 of our seniors already and is working through the remaining learners including those in CTC and off campus to discuss first choice plans and make follow-up steps to pursue their first choice future such as credentials, work-based learning, or projects to match their interests and goals.

Work-Based Learning (WBL):

Internships, COOPS, PV TEACH: We are continuing to add more WBL opportunities, however the focus for our leaders is now shifting to follow-up with paperwork, logging hours correctly, and scheduling site visits.

MyPlanPA: As we begin to roll out our PV Advisory Groups at PVHS, we held a meeting on 10/9 to showcase MyPlanPA Career Planning to all Learning Facilitators to increase our shared vision of First Choice and to give current data. _