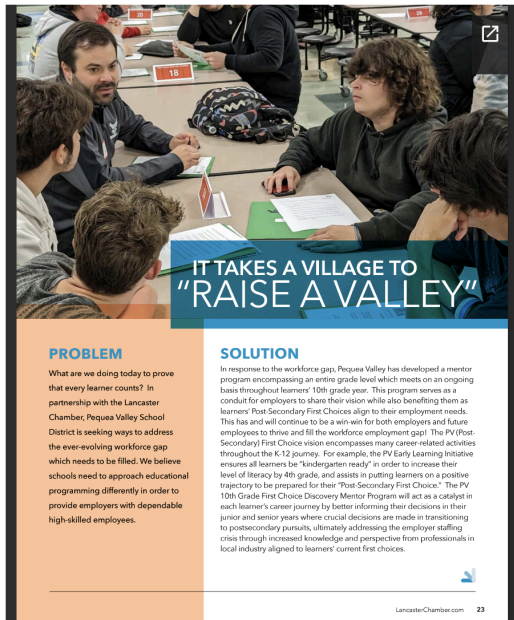


First Choice Program Updates

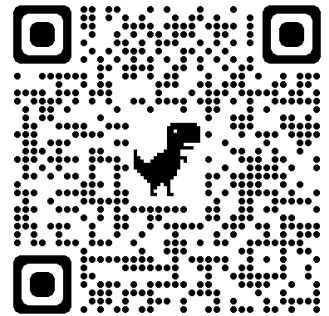
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First Choice in the News



SEE PAGES 23-28 OF THIS LANCASTER CHAMBER PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTING OUR FIRST YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST CHOICE DISCOVERY PROGRAM.

"IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE THE VALLEY!"



First Choice Curriculum Updates

- 339 Documentation-All 1st semester 9th grade Career Readiness completed their Chapter 339 requirements and uploaded all artifacts in MyPlan. All 1st semester 9th graders passed Career Readiness! All first semester 7th grade learners completed their career readiness assignments. They are all uploaded into MyPlanPA.
- 56 applications submitted to Lancaster CTC
- PVV Learners-Damon Mancino and Daniel Civitello completed coursework early to pursue COOP opportunities during senior years.

9-12 First Choice Flex Presentations / Job Shadowing:

- Sight and Sound Job Shadowing Day, Friday, February 16th-This shadow day was specifically for students to observe and experience a "day-in-the-life" of the Show Operations teams. Throughout the day, people from different Show Operation departments spoke on show information, context, and answered any questions about this career. This Show Operations shadow day was created to provide a shadowing experience for students who have a specific interest in the arts and live theater and a passion for what we do at Sight & Sound. PVHS is sending several of our learners to this experience: Sage Gray, Madeline Stoltzfus, Lauren King, and Lana Willenbrock.
- SGT Lexi Station, a sergeant from the United States Marine Corps shared her career journey as a computer programmer in the Marine Corps as well as different opportunities the USMC offers.
- Pharmacist Presentation- Dr. Chelsea Cunningham, A PV grad and pharmacist came to share the career with learners. She also talked about other careers in this field, such as pharmacy

techs, clinical pharmacists, and primary care pharmacists and the advantages of each of these aspects.

- AVIATION CAREER DAY - Seven PVHS learners will attend this event.: Lancaster Airport is hosting an Aviation Day on Feb 29th. Lunch and transportation will be provided.

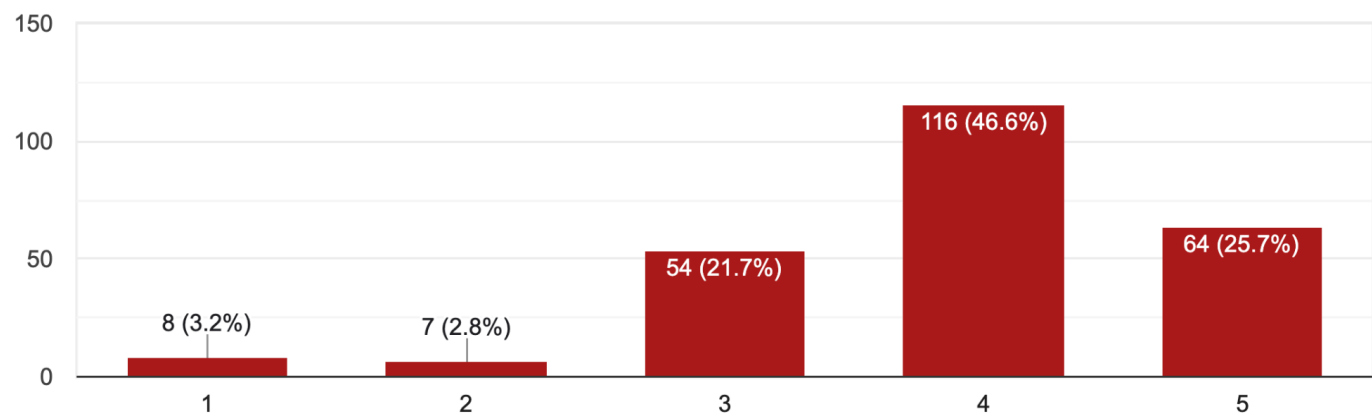
School-wide Career Fair Highlights: We had the privilege of hosting 47 companies and multiple mentors on Thursday, Feb 8th from 7:30AM - 10:30AM for our First Choice Career Fair. Learners and companies provided positive feedback on their experiences.





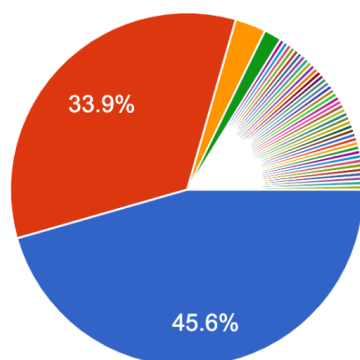
Data from Learners:

Rate this Activity
249 responses



How did this effect your current First Choice? (If it changed, please login to MyPlanPA and make a change to your current First Choice)

248 responses



- Confirmed: This experience go me mo...
 - Questioning: This experience made m...
 - Ruled Out: After this experience, I am...
 - It did not effect it.
 - I wasnt there
 - Didn't do anything
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Of the companies that filled out the feedback forms, there were at least 426 meaningful connections made during the fair. See below for the comments from companies:

Comments from Community Partners who attended this year's First Choice Career Fair:

Glad to be there to represent a more office oriented job experience!

It's always good to be out in the community and show support for PVSD! Unsure if we will get any prospective employees down the road, but it's all about planting seeds and getting students to start thinking about different opportunities. We had a good time!

It was well organized.

It was great!

I thought the event was great. I was impressed with the overall quality of the connections that I did make. It would be great to have some sort of incentive for the number of stars collected. Some kids weren't aware of it, others didn't want them and some definitely wanted them. If they had an incentive to make more connections it may be worthwhile.

This was another successful year! I overall found the students to be warm, engaging, and curious. I saw professionalism demonstrated from mainly juniors/seniors in the form of handshakes, introductions, making eye contact, and asking questions. I also appreciated the two young ladies who asked if I needed help tearing down at the end of the fair.

thought the timing of the event was good. Not too long or short. great turnout by some reputable businesses.

I thought the set up was great! We weren't able to secure jobs for any students because of the nature of our company but did offer future insight on what they could do after high school. We also were able to connect with students on what it would look like to maybe work part time on our retail team but guided them to our website. All of the students were kind, engaging, and open to conversation!

I did like the question form the students had with them.

Although, I did not schedule a job shadow, we did get leads. I would prefer not to schedule at the job fair, but rather let them know about it and see who takes the initiative to reach out to us.

Potential internships would be booked after the student has had a chance to do a job shadow.

I would say maybe it could be beneficial to ask the students to stop at each table and at least take a handout. We didn't talk to as many students as we would've liked, and not everyone needs to have a long-winded conversation, but at least we could give information to as many people as possible.

The students seemed more willing and motivated to engage in conversation with business reps. Overall the students were respectful and friendly.

It was strong! I thought the time for each period was good, it was nice to have 11th and 12th graders together, and nice to have them have questions they were suggested to ask us.

Students seemed very engaged and wanting more information, it was fantastic! Do the students get time in advance to see who is going to be there, research the companies to prepare questions, decide which booths they definitely want to visit, etc.? It may help them utilize their time better during the actual event.

Agricultural Education:

- Food Science Industry Tours-27 learners in Jasmine VanSant's Food Science and Veterinary Science courses attending various industry tours throughout the first semesters. These locations included: Nature's Yoke Eggs at Westfield Egg, Four Seasons Produce, Clark Co. Meats, and Hillacres Pride.

