



MCIU CAREER CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

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SECTION 1: Bridging Classrooms and Industry Across Montgomery County

Welcome to Volume 3 of the *MCIU Career Connections Newsletter*. The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU) continues its mission to provide an interactive, educational hub connecting K-12 students, school districts, and regional employers. By aligning classroom instruction with hands-on career exploration, MCIU Career Connections empowers students to discover future pathways while helping local business partners cultivate a highly skilled local workforce.

When students gain early clarity on career possibilities, school districts can better guide academic decisions, course selections, and technical training to support those aspirations. Participating employers simultaneously gain direct access to enthusiastic talent, building talent pipelines for high-demand industry sectors throughout Montgomery County.

Volume 3: Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Event/Opportunity	Timeframe	Interested?
College and Career Leadership Council Meeting: Convening of Montco School Districts to discuss and collaborate on College and Career Readiness initiatives and ideas.	October 6th, 10am, Virtual	Email DChominski@mciu.org directly if you are a Business interested in attending or presenting.
Parent Information Session: Information sharing on Post High School Pathways and Opportunities. Featuring Honeywell Aerospace, Universal Academy and MontcoWorks Now.	October 13th, 11:30, Virtual	Register here! https://mciu-org.zoom.us/j/91234567890
Industry and Academics Committee: Opportunity to collaborate in a first of its kind pilot featuring schools, members of industry and post-secondary institutions.	Ongoing	Whether your team relies on data analytics, financial modeling, biotech, or engineering, help Montgomery County schools align instruction with high-demand regional careers: https://forms.gle/wYatoGwEvC14F

SECTION 2: Work-Based Learning & Posting Guides

Employer Guide: How Businesses Can Post & Host Experiences

Partnering with local schools to host student experiences is simple and managed directly through the [MCIU Career Connections Portal](#). Follow these quick steps to create a new opportunity listing for your organization:

1. **Log In & Access Dashboard:** Sign in to your MCIU Career Connections account and select the **Experiences** menu from your portal dashboard. Email us directly if you need the login credentials!
2. **Add New Experience:** Click the **+Add Experience** button to launch the creation form.
3. **Set Basic Information:** Choose the experience type (e.g., *Job Shadowing*, *Site Tour*, or *Guest Speaker*) and select applicable department(s) spanning your organization.
4. **Define Availability & Student Criteria:**
 - Specify capacity limits under *"For how many is the experience available"* (e.g., 5 or less).
 - Enter date ranges (*Start Date / End Date*) and specific schedule windows (e.g., *First Monday of each month at 10 AM*).
 - Select target *Appropriate Student Grade Levels* (e.g., High School Grades 9–10, 11–12).
 - Ensure the **Active** toggle is turned on.
5. **Add Description & Submit:** Write a short overview of the opportunity (up to 800 characters) and click **Create Experience** to publish.

Listing Support: If you prefer the MCIU team to enter this information on your behalf, email your program details, schedule, capacity, and target grade levels to MCIUCC@mciu.org, and we will build your listing for you!

Educator Booking Guide & Toolkits

Educators across Montgomery County public school districts, non-public, charter, and technical schools can connect directly with participating industry employers through the [MCIU Career Connections Experiences Portal](#).

1. Visit the [MCIU Experiences Catalog](#) to review available business opportunities.
2. Select the desired industry experience and locate its unique reference number.
3. Email MCIUCC@mciu.org with the reference number and three potential dates that align with your school's academic schedule.
4. The MCIU team will coordinate directly between your district and the business partner.

SECTION 3: MCIU Collaborations Page

The [MCIU Career Connections Collaborations Hub](#) serves as a comprehensive ecosystem of specialized workforce initiatives, pre-apprenticeships, summer internships, grant-funded programs, and leadership councils. These strategic partnerships connect Montgomery County youth, job seekers, educators, and employers with sustainable career development pathways.

Featured Collaboration Programs & Initiatives

Program Name	Program Overview & Target Impact	Key Contacts & Access Links
MontcoWorks NOW	Youth workforce program for eligible young adults ages 14–24 facing significant barriers to completing education or securing employment. Provides GED prep, career exploration, paid work experiences, tutoring, and barrier-reduction support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MontcoWorks NOW Page• MCIU Collaborations Portal• Employer Contact: Sara Hudson (SHudson@mciu.org)• General Email: montcoworksnow@mciu.org
Montco RISE	A 6 to 8-week summer internship program administered through MCIU for rising high school seniors through college seniors, matching candidates with real-world experience in their chosen fields.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inquiry & Host Employer Email: MontcoRise@mciu.org• Portal Info: MCIU Collaborations Hub
Montco Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship	State-registered Pre-Apprenticeship program operated in partnership with Stein Seal. Combines online technical modules via Tooling U with hands-on site training at Stein Seal, leading directly to full-time manufacturing hires.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employer Partner: Stein Seal & MCIU• Portal Info: MCIU Collaborations Hub
Montco Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative	Workforce development initiative funded by the PA DCED Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant. Provides 30 paid internships over two years and up to 20 technical training scholarships at North Montco Technical Career Center. MCIU serves as employer of record.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interest Forms for Seniors/Alumni available at: Collaborations Page• Tech Partner: North Montco TCC
College & Career Leadership Council	A regional professional learning council for district-appointed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contacts: Dr. Pia Houseal (phouseal@mciu.org) & Dan

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	leaders driving PA Act 339 planning, career readiness curriculum, and post-secondary planning across grade levels.	Chominski (dchominski@mciu.org)

SECTION 4: Participating Network Directory

MCIU Career Connections brings together school districts, career technical centers, and regional industry leaders to create real-world career opportunities for students across Montgomery County. Below is the updated active directory of participating educational institutions and signed-up business partners.

Participating Schools & Designated Contacts

District / Institution	School Liaison Contact	Contact Email
Abington School District	Ms. Laura Enama Ms. Greta Garecht	lauraenama@abington.k12.pa.us gretagarecht@abington.k12.pa.us
Central Montco Technical High School	Mr. Jim Brunken	jbrunken@cmths.org
Colonial School District	Ms. Seely Byler	sbyler@colonialsd.org
Eastern Center for the Arts and Technology	Ms. Hayley Granacher	hgranacher@eastechn.org
Hatboro-Horsham School District	Mr. Scott Searfoss	ssearfoss@hatboro-horsham.org
Lower Merion School District	Mr. Richard Marta	marta@lmsd.org
Methacton School District	Dr. Shab Maffei	SMaffei@Methacton.org
Norristown Area School District	Ms. Nichole Mitchell	nmitchell@nasd.k12.pa.us
North Penn School District	Mr. Chris Frey	freyc@npenn.org
Perkiomen Valley School District	Ms. Kate Kelley	kakelly@pvsd.org
Pottsgrove School District	Mr. Michael Mazreku	mmazreku@pgsd.org
Pottstown Area School District	Ms. Kelly Leibold	kleibold@pottstownk12.org
School District of Springfield Township	Ms. Allie Proto	allie_proto@sdst.org

District / Institution	School Liaison Contact	Contact Email
Souderton Area School District	Ms. Amy Tarlo	atarlo@soudertonsd.org
The Anderson School, MCIU	Ms. Julia Doll	jdoll@mciu.org
Upper Dublin School District	Mrs. Donna Ward	dward@udsd.org
Upper Moreland School District	Ms. Julie Eastburn	jeastburn@umtsd.org
Upper Perkiomen School District	Mr. Frank Flanagan Ms. Angela Traub	frflanagan@upsd.org atraub@upsd.org
Wissahickon School District	Mr. John High	jhigh@wsdweb.org

Registered Businesses & Industry Sectors

Business / Partner Name	Industry Sector / Type
Allan Myers	Construction & Civil Engineering
Bracalente Mfg Group	Advanced Manufacturing & Precision Machining
Briar Bush Nature Center	Environmental Education & Non-Profit
Burke Brothers Landscape	Landscaping & Environmental Design
CADCOM	Community Action & Social Services
Cedarville Engineering	Civil & Environmental Engineering
Chadwick Optical	Healthcare & Precision Optics Manufacturing
Chong Law Firm	Legal Services & Business Law
Dorman Products	Automotive Engineering & Supply
Elmwood Park Zoo	Zoology, Tourism & Science Education
Family & Friends Daycare	Early Childhood Education
Grace Inspired Living	Healthcare & Senior Care Services
IT Landes	HVAC, Plumbing & Building Trades
ITW Performance Polymers	Chemical Engineering & Manufacturing
J.P. Mascaro & Sons	Environmental & Waste Management

Business / Partner Name	Industry Sector / Type
Keystone Opportunity Center	Human Services & Non-Profit
KMM Manufacturing	Precision Machining & Aerospace Parts
Koaxis	RF / Microwave Engineering & Tech
Laboratory Testing LLC	Materials Testing & Metallurgical Engineering
Lauro Painting	Commercial & Residential Contracting
Lewis Environmental	Environmental Response & Emergency Services
Martha's Community Farm	Sustainable Agriculture & Non-Profit
Montco Dept. of Public Safety	Public Safety & Emergency Management
Montco Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement & Public Administration
Nolan Painting	Residential & Commercial Contracting
Pathful, Inc.	Educational Technology & Career Planning
Peter Becker Community	Senior Care & Health Services
Reilly Foam Corporation	Industrial Materials & Manufacturing
Small Wonders Child Care	Early Childhood Education
Stein Seal Company	Precision Seals & Aerospace Engineering
Swartley Bros. Engineers	Electrical Engineering & Contracting
U.S. Axle, Inc.	Precision Shaft & Axle Manufacturing
Visiting Angels / Pottstown	Home Healthcare & Senior Care

MCIU Career Connections Contact Details

Main Web Portal: www.mciucc.org

Business & School Registration: www.mciucc.org/register

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