

The Challenge Program Inc. kicks off at Turkeyfoot

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Students at Turkeyfoot Valley Area Jr./Sr. High School were introduced to The Challenge Program Inc. during a kick-off assembly at the school. The assembly theme was a team project dramatization that demonstrated positive and negative workplace behaviors to help students succeed on-the-job.

During the assembly, students in the sophomore, junior and senior classes were introduced to local career opportunities. Throughout the year, they will be eligible to compete for financial awards in five areas linked with academic and workplace success:

Attendance, Academic Improvement, Academic Excellence, STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) and Community Service.

Global/SFC Valve Corp. has served as the school's business partner for the past decade. During that time, the company has spoken in front of hundreds of students to introduce them to job opportunities and contributed more than \$40,000 in support of The Challenge Program Inc.

"Global/SFC has been a proud partner of The Challenge Program Inc. for the last 10 years. As a business in the manufacturing sector especially, we understand the need for skilled individuals entering the workforce today. We also understand that tight educational budgets may make it difficult to expose students to the various careers available in today's market," said Nichole Sheets, contract administrator for Global/SFC Valve Corp. "The Challenge Program has found a way to address both of these issues while benefiting community employers and students. We feel fortunate to be partnered with such a positive and



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Submitted photo Global/SFC Valve Corp. celebrated 10 years of partnership with The Challenge Program Inc. and Turkeyfoot Valley Area Jr./Sr. High School during the kick-off assembly at the school. Shown here are representatives from Global/SFC Valve Corp. with The Challenge Program Inc.'s underclassmen award winners. From left, front row: Emma Rugg, sophomore academic improvement; Caleb Hay, sophomore community service; William Purbaugh, sophomore STEM; and Dylan Tressler, sophomore attendance. Back row: Bob Kirst and Nichole Sheets with sponsor Global/SFC Valve Corp.; Edward Conn, junior academic excellence; Chase Hyatt, junior academic improvement; Connor Tressler, junior attendance; Brett Tissue, junior community service; and Rebekah Phillippi, junior STEM. Not pictured: Selena Spittal, sophomore academic

pioneering organization. We always enjoy our visits excellence.
with the students and faculty of Turkeyfoot and we
look forward to many more years of continued support and partnership.”

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