

# Challenge Program kicks off in Greene County

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The Challenge Program Inc., a regional nonprofit organization that builds sustainable business/education partnerships while introducing students to careers in their communities, will visit high schools in Greene County this fall to introduce students to the program through an orientation assembly.

This year's orientation assembly, "Respect: Are You Up for the Challenge?" is a team project dramatization that demonstrates professional behaviors and attitudes.

"Many high school students already have jobs or will be applying for jobs in the near future," said Barbara Grandinetti, executive director of The Challenge Program Inc. "Our orientation assembly will demonstrate positive and negative workplace behaviors to help them succeed on-the-job and ease their transition into the workforce."

Local businesses will also play an important role in The Challenge Program Inc.'s orientation assemblies. Each participating school is matched with at least one business, which will participate in the dramatization and be given the opportunity to speak briefly about career opportunities available within their company.

Monetary incentives are used to reinforce The Challenge Program Inc.'s message of encouraging students to develop the solid work habits required on-the-job. Students in the sophomore, junior, and senior classes at each participating school will be eligible to compete for awards in five categories that are directly linked with workplace success: Attendance, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), community service, academic improvement and academic excellence.

For more information on participating in or becoming a business partner to The Challenge Program, Inc., contact Mary Dreliszak, director of program development and public relations, at 724-984-0860 or [dreliszakm@tcpinc.org](mailto:dreliszakm@tcpinc.org). To find out when The Challenge Program Inc. is visiting participating high schools, view the program calendar at <http://www.tcpinc.org/about/Events>.

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Students at Jefferson-Morgan High School were recently introduced to The Challenge Program Inc. during a kick-off assembly at their 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. ECA Foundation is the school's business partner for 2015-2016. Pictured (l. to r.), front row: Nicholas Headlee, Carli Riggi and Alexandra Royer. Standing: Karl Cole with sponsor Energy Corporation of America (ECA), Jamie Lawrence, Emma Leathers, Megan Beattie, and Jarrett Rush and Mike Ludrosky with sponsor ECA.

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