



THE STAR REPORT

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HONOR ROLL

The Challenge Program, Inc.'s Honor Roll highlights the accomplishments of our partnering businesses, schools, and students. If you would like to share good news for a future edition, please email us at info@tcpinc.org.

Businesses:

Kudos to these Challenge Program Business Partners for earning the following honors and distinctions:

- **Elmer C. Laslo (1ST SUMMIT BANK), George Sidney (McLanahan Corporation), Vincent J. Delie (F.N.B. Corporation), Ed Sheehan (Concurrent Technologies Corporation), and Bob Eyer (Wessel & Company)** – Pennsylvania Business Central, Top 100 People
- **Stacey Brodak (Noble Energy), Amy Dobkin (XTO Energy Inc.), Katie Smith (Halliburton), and Laural Ziemba (Range Resources)** – Women in Energy Leadership Awards
- **S&T Bank** – Sandler O'Neill + Partners Sm-All Star list

Students:

"Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." Martin Luther King Jr.

No service, not one hour, is ever wasted and here at The Challenge Program, Inc., we thank all the students who give back to their communities. At this time, we'd like to acknowledge students from the 2014-2015 Program/School year, who went above and beyond.

- **Ashley V., Junior Community Service Winner, Martins Ferry High School** (Belmont County, OH, sponsored by Hess Corporation/HULL) – 1,120 hours of community service.
- Special shout-out to **Martins Ferry High School, Belmont County, Ohio** (Hess Corporation/HULL). **The sophomore and junior classes collectively contributed 7,800 hours of community service in the 2014/15 school year!**
- **Emily M., Junior Community Service Winner, Central Cambria High School**, (Cambria County, PA, sponsored by S&T Bank) **and Community Service Winner from Admiral Peary AVTS**, (Cambria County, PA, sponsored by Gardner Denver). Emily won 2 awards for her 700 hours of community service.
- **Matthew S. – Junior Community Service Winner, Greater Altoona CTC**, (Blair County, PA, sponsored by Blair Companies, McLanahan Corporation, Norfolk Southern) – 693 hours of community service.
- **Kylea A. – Junior Community Service Winner, Lewis County High School**, (Lewis County, WV, sponsored by Consol Energy) – 686 hours of community service.
- **A shout-out to Albert Gallatin Junior Attendance Winner – Trinity A. for not missing a day of school for the past four years.**

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WELCOME TO NEW PARTNERS

The Challenge Program, Inc. would like to welcome the following schools and businesses for 2015/16:

New & Reinstated Schools:

- [Blairsville High School](#)
- [Pittsburgh CAPA](#)
- [Pittsburgh Westinghouse](#)
- [Tussey Mountain High School](#)

New Businesses:

- [James S. Frederick, E.A. P.A. Tax & Accounting Services](#)
- [McKinney Charitable Foundation through the PNC Charitable Trusts Grant Review Committee](#)

Roy A. Hunt Foundation
WyoTech

UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Professionals Event – Throwback Thursday

February 25, 2016

UPTOWN

6pm – 9pm

Pencils ready? Write this down! Please join us on February 25, 2016 at UPTOWN (across from the CONSOL Energy Center) from 6pm – 9pm for a Young Professionals Throwback Thursday with cocktails, appetizers, spectacular raffle items, and the greatest hits from the '90s and early '00s. This fun event will serve as a “friend raiser” as well as a fundraiser for The Challenge Program, Inc.

[Pre-sale tickets are AVAILABLE NOW](#) for \$30 (tickets are \$40 at the door) and include appetizers, two drink tickets, and complimentary valet parking. Come raise a glass to *tomorrow's* class of young professionals while supporting a great cause!

Polytechnic Career Awareness Event

March 15, 2016

Richland Senior High School

5:30pm – 7pm

Polytechnic is an umbrella term meaning “many technologies” and represents a wide range of industries from manufacturing and construction to health and social career. The Challenge Program, Inc.'s inaugural Polytechnic Career Awareness Event will introduce parents to the in-demand, gold collar jobs available in our region.

The event will be divided into two parts: first, a keynote address from the PA Department of Labor & Industry, followed by a speed networking session with local employers and

educational institutions. The growing list of participants includes: Martin-Baker America, Riggs Industries, FirstEnergy, Norfolk Southern, North American Höganäs, Corle Building Systems, Conemaugh Medical Center, Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center, Penn Highlands Community College, Cambria Rowe Business College, JARI, PA CareerLink, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., and regional County Commissioners.

Registration is not required for the event, however space is limited. For more information or to secure your space at the event, contact Sara Deyarmin at 814-533-7401 x104 or deyarmins@tcpinc.org.

Facilitating Connections

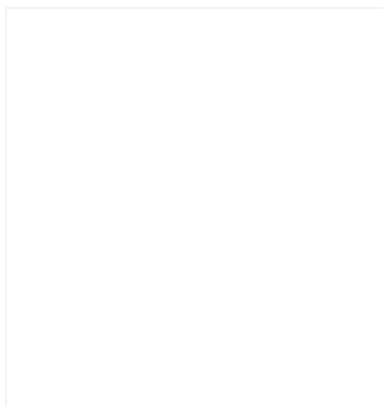
March 23, 2016

LeMont Restaurant 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Educators: You're invited to The Challenge Program, Inc.'s second annual Facilitating Connections event, a unique networking event for educators, technology vendors, and introducing new this year, facilities management companies! Enjoy a night out on the town with complimentary food and cocktails while interacting with leading vendors who will truly be an asset to your district.

Registration is free for educators, but space is limited. Reserve a spot for up to three educators from your district (superintendents, principals, business managers, and technology directors preferred) by [clicking here](#).

SPOTLIGHT: JOHN AUGUSTINE DISCUSSES CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

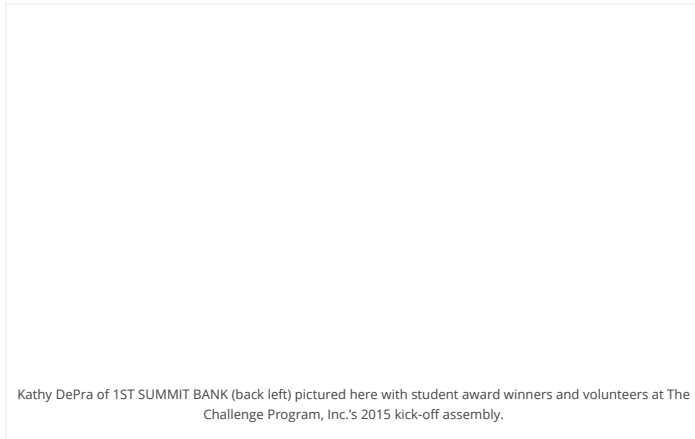


John Augustine, Administrative Director of Greater
Johnstown Career & Technology Center

Career and technical education is at the forefront of preparing students with the skills and knowledge required for employment. John Augustine, Administrative Director of Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center, discusses the benefits—and evolving landscape—of CTE education.

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1ST SUMMIT BANK – INVESTING IN LOCAL YOUTH



Kathy DePra of 1ST SUMMIT BANK (back left) pictured here with student award winners and volunteers at The Challenge Program, Inc.'s 2015 kick-off assembly.

1ST SUMMIT BANK was one of The Challenge Program, Inc.'s first business participants, partnering with Richland Senior High School in Johnstown, PA. Learn how 1ST SUMMIT BANK has utilized the Program to invest in local youth and help prepare students for workforce success in this Spotlight article.

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