

## THE STAR REPORT

*The Challenge Program, Inc.'s Newsletter*  
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### Partner Recognition

Welcoming back *participating* business partners and schools each year is a rewarding time for us at The Challenge Program, Inc. Having the privilege of welcoming *new* business partners and schools to participate with us is very exciting. When our participating business partners *add* to their Challenge Program, Inc. support, well, we're downright giddy.

The listing of new businesses and schools and the businesses who have increased their partnership in alphabetical order is in the right hand sidebar – *just scroll down a bit!*

*Thank you to every business partner who supports The Challenge Program, Inc.! For a full listing of business partners and their corresponding schools, click on:*

<http://www.tcpinc.org/current-partners/>



### New Major Corporate Partner

The Challenge Program, Inc. welcomes and thanks, **CORLE BUILDING SYSTEMS** for becoming our latest **Major Corporate Partner**. Corle Building Systems became a business partner in 2015 supporting Bedford County Technical Center and Chestnut Ridge High School in Bedford County, PA. This year they added Bedford High School to their portfolio and then, through the Education Investment Tax Credit program (EITC) decided to come on as a major sponsor. Congratulations to Sara Deyarmin, Senior Program Development Manager for The Challenge Program, Inc. in Bedford County for her commitment and passion to developing Bedford County, PA.

**For information on Major Corporate Partnerships and other Corporate Partnerships, click on the link above or call 814-533-9401 and speak with Executive Director, Barbara Grandinetti.**

# 2017 Student of the Year Competition is now Open

Three Finalists will present their own experiences regarding how The Challenge Program, Inc. had an impact on their school and future careers.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Crystal Owl Gala**  
April 27, 2017  
Carnegie Music Hall  
5:00 – 9pm

**THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM, INC.**  
**2017 STUDENT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION**

WHO CAN ENTER?  
JUNIORS AND SENIORS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:  
STUDENTS MOTIVATED BY THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM INC. TO MAKE A CHANGE TO ACHIEVE THEIR BEST

DO I NEED A CHALLENGE AWARD TO ENTER?  
NOT AT ALL!

HOW TO ENTER:  
PLEASE SEE YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FOR ALL ENTRY DETAILS.

THREE FINALISTS WILL EACH RECEIVE A \$1000 CASH PRIZE

FINALISTS MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN AT:  
THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM, INC.  
CRYSTAL OWL GALA  
APRIL 27, 2017  
CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL, PITTSBURGH, PA

COMPETITION OPENS  
JANUARY 18, 2017  
COMPETITION CLOSES  
MARCH 13, 2017 - MIDNIGHT  
FINALISTS ANNOUNCES  
MARCH 24, 2017 - MIDNIGHT

*For All Upcoming Events, watch your email or check the 2017 EVENTS tab on our website.*

**Polytechnic Career Awareness Events** will be held in Cambria & Allegheny Counties in May and April 2017  
**Facilitating Connections** will be held in Pittsburgh, PA in March 2017  
**Young Professionals Events** are being planned for May 2017

## The Challenge Program, Inc. Connecting Business and Education

### Walking the Talk

*“Qualify for Success”* presented the trending business practice of screening interview applicants before granting a formal interview. We demonstrated how and why our five award categories affect success in the workforce as well as in education. **Thank you** to all our business partners, educators and student volunteers for such successful and well-received presentations.

*Pictured below: Assembly selfie-fun at Yough High School with Maria (left) and at Conemaugh Valley High School with Sara (right)*



## *What's next?*

To Qualify for Success, students need to understand that the workplace has much to offer them *and* that they have much to offer the workplace. Enter **TCP-Connecting Business and Education**. Our Challenge Program development team will begin contacting schools and businesses to help create workplace connections between businesses, students and educators. On October 21, 2016, the **first workforce connection** of the 2016/2017 Program year took place. **Noble Energy, business partner to Greene County CTC**, donated a mobile home left behind on their land, to Habitat for Humanity. Maria Campieri, Challenge Program Development Manager for Greene County, did not lose any time *connecting Noble Energy with the students from Greene County CTC* to assist with the project *(pictured right)*. Greene County CTC instructors and students will continue to work at the site once a month until the project is completed.



**Noble Energy is also Business Partner to Ringgold High School in Washington County. Answer the Call and bring the workplace alive for your partnered school's students and educators.**

## NEWSWORTHY NOTES...

*Daniel T. Perkins, founder/chairman of the board for The Challenge Program, Inc. and CEO/President of MTS Technologies, Inc. received the 2016 Minority Vetpreneur of the Year award. Dan Perkins supports Pittsburgh CAPA High School.*

*Michael Santoro, Martin-Baker America was presented with the Chapel of the Four Chaplains award by the Veteran Community Initiatives in Johnstown, PA. Martin-Baker supports Bishop McCort HS, Ferndale HS & Greater Johnstown CTC.*

*Robert Eyer, Wessel & Company received the Humanitarian Award during the Chapel of the Four Chaplains ceremony. Wessel & Company supports Portage HS and Penn Cambria HS.*

**Range Resources** contributed their time and fundraising support to the **2000 Turkeys** campaign in Washington County. Range's contributions helped the campaign surpass it's goal of raising \$100,000. *Range Resources supports Avella HS, Bentworth HS, Burgettstown HS, Chartiers-Houston HS, Fort Cherry HS and Western Area CTC.*

**Keller Engineers, Inc.** was presented the **2016 AFP Outstanding Corporation Award** by The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Allegheny Mountains Chapter. *Keller Engineers, Inc. supports Bishop Guilfoyle HS.*

The following Challenge Program business partners were named in Fortune Magazine's **2016 100 Best Companies to Work For**:

**First National Bank** – *Quaker Valley HS*  
**Fragasso Financial Advisors**– *Holy Family HS*  
**Rosedale Technical College**– *Montour HS*  
**Sheetz, Inc.** - *Claysburg-Kimmel High School*

*Christina Ermias* , CFO/COO of **Fragasso Financial Advisors**, received the **2016 CFO of the Year award**, from the Pittsburgh Business Times. *Fragasso Financial Advisors supports Holy Family HS.*

**The Reschini Group** was named the **2016 Employer of the Year** in Indiana County by the Tri-County Work Investment Board. *The Reschini Group supports Indiana County Technical Center.*

**Jendoco Construction Company** was named *one of the fastest growing companies* in Pittsburgh, PA by the Pittsburgh Business Times. *Jendoco Construction, Co., supports Riverview HS.*

**Mount Aloysius College** was named a **2016-2017 College of Distinction**. *Mount Aloysius College supports Portage High School.*