

## UHS Talk

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### Uniontown Area High School News

Ohiopyle Prints Field Trip

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On Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> Uniontown Students were invited to visit Ohiopyle Prints Inc. They were given a tour of the 45,000 square foot warehouse located in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania by Rob Anderson, President and CEO. Rob is a graduate of Uniontown High School and he shared background stories on how the business came to be. Ohiopyle Prints designs, produces, and prints high quality items for retailers nationwide. Ohiopyle Prints is also proud to be the business sponsor of Uniontown Area High Schools for The Challenge Program. The Challenge Program challenges students to succeed in school. Ohiopyle Prints sponsors monetary awards for students in categories of academics, attendance and community service. It has raised \$8 million dollars in school donations in past years and is working on rebranding their products with the money they have earned to make it bigger and better than ever.



On this tour, Rob Anderson showed the students the different machines along with the new technology that is used. He introduced the screen printing they use for the clothing and how the whole building is connected through technology. Rob was telling the students how working online is normal now and some of the artists are sending the designs in from their remote home offices. Once the artists have a design made for the clothing, it is transferred to a device to automatically print onto the shirt. Everything moves smoothly between departments and there is a perfect order of organization.





The students not only learned about these machines but they got to use one to make their own clothing item. The workers brought out some designs the students could pick from and they allowed them to use a heat press to make their own personal hoodie or t-shirt. This program does a lot for our school and they even gave us a flyer offering jobs for 16-year old's and up. For seniors looking to enter the workforce right after graduation, many jobs do not require a college degree. They are also offering a \$500 sign on bonus for new hires. This was a great experience for our students!