

MARYSVILLE / UNION COUNTY WORKFORCE RESOURCES



Marysville Early College High School

After being awarded \$12.5 million through the Ohio Straight-A Fund program, renovations began to transform the former Marysville Middle School into the Marysville Early College High School (ECHS). The ECHS, which opened to nearly 150 students in August 2014, offers a rigorous college and career readiness curriculum with a unique focus on workforce development. This state-of-the-art learning space was created through a collaboration with Marysville Schools, Columbus State Community College, Otterbein University, Honda of America Mfg., Inc., Ohio Hi-Point Career Center, and the Union County Economic Development Partnership.

Otterbein University - Marysville Innovation Center

Beginning in the fall of 2015, Otterbein University began offering a four-course Organizational Leadership Certificate, taught entirely in the evening for adult learners at the Otterbein-Marysville Innovation Center (OMIC) at the Marysville Early College High School. In addition to the Leadership Certificate, various communication courses will be offered in a hybrid course delivery – incorporating in-class and online study. These credit-bearing classes will be offered in the evening and may count toward additional leadership degrees.

Columbus State Community College - Marysville Regional Learning Center

Columbus State Community College has established the Columbus State Marysville Regional Learning Center at the Marysville Early College High School. In Spring 2016, Columbus State began offering certificate courses in advanced manufacturing.

Ohio University – Dublin Integrated Education Center

Ohio University began construction of a new 86,000 SF facility in Dublin. Known as the OU Dublin Integrated Education Center, the facility will house the university's new Master's Degree in Physician Assistance Practice. The building opened in April 2015.

Tolles Career & Technical Center – RAMTEC

In 2015, Tolles Career & Technical Center (Tolles) established a Robotics & Advanced Manufacturing Technology Education Collaborative (RAMTEC) Center at the school's Plain City campus. Funded by the Ohio Straight-A Fund program, Tolles and seven additional career centers expanded and established RAMTEC centers in order to address the skills gap by preparing high school and adult students with advanced manufacturing and engineering skills.

Mobile Manufacturing Training Lab (MMTL)

The Mobile Manufacturing Training Lab Program will establish (or expand) permanent labs at Tolles, Ohio Hi-Point, and Tri-Rivers Career Centers. The project also includes the purchase of a mobile lab that will visit area schools and industries to promote careers in the manufacturing sector and provide on-site incumbent worker training. The program will provide access to over 78,000 K-12 students and potentially thousands of incumbent workers in Champaign, Franklin, Hardin, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, and Union Counties.

Workforce Resource Portal

The Union County Community Improvement Corporation has launched a new website that is designed to connect employers, educators, and incumbent workers with various workforce development resources. This new portal includes links and in-depth information about local, regional, and statewide workforce programs, initiatives, educational opportunities, and events. The website can be located at www.unioncountyworks.org.

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Japanese Language & Friendship City Programs

To further advance local ties with the Japanese people, in 2013, the City of Marysville and Yorii-machi, Japan entered into a Friendship City agreement. Since then, both communities have hosted delegations of community officials, and a new Japanese Student Exchange Program was launched at Marysville High School. In addition, Japanese language courses were introduced at Marysville and North Union High Schools, with current enrollment exceeding 215 students.

Expanding Workforce Development Services

With RAMTECs located at Tri-Rivers and Tolles, along with the Marysville Early College High School, Union County will have three centers that will offer Advanced Manufacturing as a pathway for students. These facilities, together with the three promotional mobile labs and the Transportable Training and Educational Lab, will allow the community to be better able to deepen its workforce pipeline. These important new projects will ultimately service nearly 80,000 K-12 students and 62,000 manufacturing employees in an eight county region.

Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!)

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) is a year long class that transforms middle and high school students into real entrepreneurs. Throughout the class, students develop business ideas, write business plans, conduct market research, pitch their plans to a panel of investors, and actually launch and run their own companies and social movements.

Union County Human Resources Council

The Union County Human Resources Council is open to anyone with HR responsibilities or advisers providing an HR service to businesses. The Human Resources Council provides attendees with legal updates, employer best practices, and topics for peer-to-peer discussion. Those attending benefit from wide ranging opinions, insights, and key points that can be applied in the workplace.

Wage and Benefit Survey

This Union County Wage & Benefit Survey is produced every two years. Local employers and prospective employers can use the survey to set fair, competitive salary and benefit packages; and estimate costs for adding new staff.

Business-Education Connection Grant Program

With the support of local businesses, the Union County Business-Education Connection Grant Program allows educators in Union County schools to seek funding to implement classroom projects that focus on business development, financial literacy, economic and entrepreneurial development. The projects implemented are designed to help students understand the functions of Capitalism and the open-market theory. Over \$75,000 in grant funding has been awarded since the program's launch a decade ago.

Union County Job Fair

The Union County Job Fair is held annually and connects Union County employers with potential employees. Besides networking opportunities with area employers, the Union County Job Fair also provides on-site resume reviews, soft-skills training and interviewing techniques to ensure that Union County residents are better prepared for and able to obtain employment positions within the community. For more information, please contact Ohio Means Jobs – Union County, by calling 937.645.2018.