

Purpose:

To provide educators with the opportunity to increase their knowledge of area businesses, their workforce needs, and current workplace trends.

Learning Objectives:

At completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Describe the day to day operations of the companies visited
- Report technological advances observed
- List employment opportunities, job descriptions, qualifications needed, and the application process
- Determine how to most effectively use the information gathered for future curriculum opportunities

Learning Activities:

The course includes onsite visits to employers in the Greater Binghamton area. Each session is complete with an orientation, a tour of the facility, a question and answer period, and a weekly facilitated workforce trends workshops.

Program Expectations:

We realize how important it is for educators to offer a real world approach to your students. The Building Bridges Program helps you accomplish that goal. Through this seven week program, we offer you the chance to experience first hand our local, successful businesses in a wide variety of industries.

BOCES ENDORSEMENT:

As BOCES fully endorses the Building Bridges program, BOCES aid is available to all participating school districts.

Logistics

- 7 class meetings from September 30 through December 2, 2009
- Meeting every Wednesday (alternating morning and afternoon) at the site to be visited (*tight refreshments provided*)
- Please build travel time into your schedule as the sessions need to begin promptly at the start time
- Wear comfortable shoes (no open toes)
- Private vehicles will be used for the site visits
- Course will be limited to 20 participants
- Classes are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis

schedule and site Locations:

- September 30, 2009 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.: Orientation & Keynote Speaker at Broome Community College
- October 14, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Maines Paper & Food Service
- October 21, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.: McIntosh Laboratories
- October 28, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Binghamton Mets (with speakers from Binghamton Senators and Binghamton University)
- November 4, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.: Greater Binghamton Airport
- November 18, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Rockwell Collins
- December 2, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.: Broome-Tioga BOCES

Fees/Credit

Fee-\$199.00/person-includes all materials and applicable credit hours (*17 hours recertification credit or 1.7 CEU's offered through BCC*)

Payment

Please detach, complete, and return with payment to:

*Greater Binghamton
Education Outreach Program, Inc.
P.O. Box 995
Binghamton, New York 13902-0995*

Or fax to: (607) 722-4513

Name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Title: _____

School Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

U.S. Citizen: Yes No

By registering for Building Bridges, I hereby authorize my name, photograph, and statements be released by GBEOP for publicity purposes.

Payment Options:

_____ **Check made payable to GBEOP**

For: \$ _____

_____ Credit Card (Visa, MC, AMEX, Discover)

Name on card: _____

Card Type: _____

Card#: _____ Exp. _____

Questions? Call Amy Shaw

(607) 772-8863 ext. 313

If the class reaches capacity, contact me for the next session. (check if appropriate)

Testimonial

“After completing the program, the team at Vestal School felt that it exceeded expectations. It gave educators an insight into the operations of some of this region’s most prominent employers. Not only did we receive a bird’s eye view of internal operations, we obtained a comprehensive overview about the employment needs of each facility. Interactive dialogues focused on required skill sets, educational preparation and the diverse range of existing job opportunities. The Building Bridges initiative provided invaluable information to educators that will assist us as we counsel and guide our students. Most importantly, it established a framework for on-going discussions and mutual interaction.”

Richard A. Bucci,
Director of Professional Development & Curriculum, Vestal Central Schools

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GBEOP History, Mission & Vision

The Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce initiated the formation of a separate, non-profit, educational-based organization that better serves the needs of a dynamic 21st century economic environment.

The mission of the Greater Binghamton Education Outreach Program (GBEOP) is building bridges between schools, businesses and leaders within the Greater Binghamton community to promote technical and professional career development for current and future workforce participants.

The (GBEOP) recognizes that the link between workforce preparedness and our area’s economic competitiveness is critical. We need to continue to create a “talent pipeline” in our community through a business-education partnership.

This is accomplished through GBEOP programs that:

- a) Transform/enhance teaching and learning with real-world, 21st century skills (Junior Achievement Program)
- b) Develop community leadership (Broome Leadership Institute Program)
- c) Ensure that our local educational institutions are aligned with the workforce needs of local businesses (Building Bridges Program)



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