ACDC Job Shadowing: Showing AC Juniors and Seniors What is Possible

One of ACDC’s long range economic development strategies is connecting students with adults that choose to live in Atchison County. For the students (our future workforce), these interactions can create both a stronger sense of place and a connection to adults that can help them establish careers here. For businesses, these contacts can potentially become valuable employees.

Job Shadowing 2017 by the numbers:
38 Juniors and 41 Seniors from Fairfax, Rock Port and Tarkio
33 Atchison County businesses/organizations
AT LEAST 60 different occupations

Last year, ACDC coordinated the first county-wide job shadowing day for AC Seniors. This program gives students a better grasp of the variety of businesses and the avenues available to earn a quality living in Atchison County. It also creates an opportunity for students to interact with adults that they might not otherwise encounter valuable employees. This year, we added a day for AC Juniors as well.

Special thanks to school counselors Tracy Cooper, Shauna Farmer, and Marisa Hedlund for coordinating student signup, and to all three administrations for supporting this endeavor.

THANK YOU to the businesses and organizations that hosted students (and many others that offered): AC Library, AC Mail, AC Sheriff’s Office, AC Veterinary Clinic, Atchison-Holt Electric Coop, Bob Dunekacke, C&M Equipment, CARE of Atchison County/Jennifer Kelly, Cherished Cherubs, Comfort Counseling, Community Hospital-Fairfax, Em’s Emporium, Fairfax High School, Flower Mill, Gavilon Grain, Hurst Farms, Hurst Greenery, Kelly’s Welding, Kids Corner, Law Office of Brett Hurst, Little Jays Preschool, Ma & Pa Automotive, Meek & Sons, Midwest Data, Minter Funeral Chapels, Pleasant View, RP Family Medical Center, Senior Life Solutions, Stoner Drug, Tarkio Elementary School, Tarkio Avalanche, and The Walnut Shop.

Thanks also to neighboring AC employers Cooper Nuclear and Golden Triangle.
The Mission of ACDC...

to initiate, stimulate and facilitate opportunity in Atchison County through economic and community development.

National Career Readiness Certificate

The ACT® National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) is a work-related skills credential that demonstrates a level of workplace employability skills in Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information. Based on the WorkKeys assessment, the NCRC measures "real world" skills that employers believe are critical to job success. This assessment evaluates a range of essential cognitive work skills and aptitudes, including problem solving, critical thinking, applying information from workplace documents, using mathematical reasoning to address work-related problems, and analyzing graphics.

While diplomas and standardized tests can demonstrate a person’s academic ability, the NCRC provides employers insight on work readiness skills and certifies on 4 levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. A certification at any level validates students’ work-readiness skills. The higher the certification level, the more jobs the certificate holder should be able to access.

- **Bronze** - has the necessary foundational skills for 16% of jobs
- **Silver** - has the necessary foundational skills for 67% of jobs
- **Gold** - has the necessary foundational skills for 93% of jobs
- **Platinum** - has the necessary foundational skills for 99% of jobs

If a person does not achieve a certificate upon completion of the test or wants to work toward a higher level of certification, curriculum and assistance is available to improve basic job skills and subsequent scores.

NCRC certification is a way to show potential employers both a level of job readiness and an individual’s motivation to assess skills and aptitudes.

This certification is increasingly recognized by employers across the U.S. In AC, three major employers (Atchison County, Community Hospital-Fairfax, and Midwest Data Center) are now recognizing this certificate as part of the hiring process.

For more information on WorkKeys or NCRC Certification or for general employment assistance:

- contact our local Missouri Job Center in Maryville at 660-582-8980 or visit them online at [https://www.facebook.com/Missouri-Job-Center-Maryville-198768023487915](https://www.facebook.com/Missouri-Job-Center-Maryville-198768023487915)
- visit Missouri’s online job portal at [https://jobs.mo.gov/](https://jobs.mo.gov/)
- visit ACDC’s online job listing at [jobs.atchisoncounty.org/](jobs.atchisoncounty.org/) or contact us (atchdev@rpt.coop / 660-744-6562)
Thoughts from your ACDC Director…

CONGRATULATIONS 2017 AC Graduates!

I am incredibly proud of you. I hope you are equally proud of this place that helped create the person you have become. Though it IS summertime, and your brain might need a break, please ponder the following truths.

You are amazing.
You are LOVED by your home county.
ACDC is here for YOU.

Though you may not know us (the people who do the professionalism workshop for Juniors at the Tarkio Resource Center, help coordinate your job shadowing days, and say #ACisAwesome all the time), we are here, working for YOUR FUTURE, continually planting seeds of opportunity in an effort to ensure that YOUR HOME is a place you want to put down roots.
When you’re ready to do so, please come see us… we can’t wait to help make that happen!

~Monica

ACDC Scholarship Recipients

ACDC’s scholarship program assists Atchison County graduates with any post-secondary training and education programs that can help them create a life here. ACDC offers a $1,000 award in two categories, for a total of two scholarships per school: career/technical training (Kristopher, Mason, and Noah) and 4-year degree programs (Breanne, Brody, and Jacqueline). ACDC is proud to honor this year’s scholarship recipients, and we congratulate all our applicants on their hard work and achievements during their education in Atchison County.

Breanna Barnett, Tarkio, daughter of Jamie and Melody Barnett, plans to attend Missouri Western’s School of Nursing to obtain a BSN degree, with the hope of eventually becoming Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in Atchison County. “I love helping and caring for people of all ages.”

Brody Cooper, Fairfax, son of Donovan and Tracy Cooper, plans to study Math, Engineering or Actuarial Sciences at the University of Missouri-Columbia, then return home to work. “I could contribute to the education system [here] by becoming a teacher and a coach or utilize my education at a local financial institution or insurance company.”

Jacqueline Brady, Rock Port, daughter of Joe and Amy Bradley, plans to acquire a Masters degree in Occupational Therapy from Missouri State University, which she will use at Community Hospital-Fairfax. “Helping one gain independence to accomplish tasks they are unable to perform anymore would be the greatest reward.”

Kristopher Riley, Tarkio, son of Eddie and Jackie Riley, plans to attend the Missouri Welding Institute to become certified in pipe fitting and welding. “I hope to become a welder and someday return to Atchison County, able to support myself and serve the community with my welding skills and to fill the void that will be left as people in this business retire.”

Mason Straub, Fairfax, son of Justin and Alicia Straub, plans to complete the HVAC program at Vatterott College. His associates degree will help him open his own business in Fairfax. “I have grown up in and around Fairfax and I love it here very much. HVAC is a career that will not only help build my future, but also give me the chance to give back to the community I grew up in.”

Noah Makings, Rock Port, son of Shawn and Debbie Makings, plans to attend Iowa Western Community College and ultimately attain a degree in early childhood education. “My degree will enable me to get a job in Atchison County as an elementary teacher, and as a teacher it will give me the opportunity to coach sports. A lot of kids grow up without a strong male role model and I would like to be an option for them as a role model.”
UPCOMING EVENTS

June:
* 9-10: **Tarkio Rodeo.** Opening Ceremonies Fri, Mutton Bustin’ Fri-Sat, parade Sat.
* 10: **Doug Summa Memorial Car Show.** Niedermeyer Park.
* 23-25: **Tarkio College Homecoming Weekend.**
  http://tarkioalumni.org
* 23-July 1: **Shrek the Musical.** Liberty Theatre, Rock Port.
* 24: **Doug Summa Memorial Park 5K & Kids Fun Run.** Tarkio. Pre-register: City Hall.
* 24: **Memorial Youth Golf Classic.** Rock Port Country Club.

July:
* 4: **Rock Port 4th of July Fireworks Display.** City Park at dusk.
* 14-16: **Westboro Wildcat Days.** Softball tournament, dance Saturday night.
* 25: **Back to School Fair.** Tarkio Community Bldg.
* 29: **Missoula Children’s Theatre, Beauty Lou and the Country Beast.** Tarkio School.

August:
* 5: **Outdoor Triathlon.** NW Missouri Sportsman’s Club, Rock Port.
  www.facebook.com/northwestmosportsmansclub/
* 11-12: **Fairfax Fair, Parade Saturday.**
* 22: **Graves-Chapple Research Farm Field Day**
* 25-26: **CH-F Golf Benefit Classic, Tarkio.**

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Bowling**
River Rock Lanes, 606 S. Main St., Rock Port, 660-744-9876

**Fishing & Conservation**
Visit Missouri Department of Conservation at http://mdc.mo.gov/about-us/get-outside

**Golf Courses**
RP Country Club, 18757 225th St., 660-744-2590
Tarkio Golf Club, 1107 Poplar St., 660-736-4776

**Parks & Pools**
Fairfax City Park, Hwy 59
Fairfax Ballpark, Hwy 59
Niedermeyer Park, 3rd St., Tarkio
Rock Port City Park, Swimming Pool/Ball Field, Country Club Dr.
**Doug Summa Memorial Park, Swimming Pool and Ball Field,** 3rd St., South of Hwy 136
Watson City Park, next door to fire station
Westboro City Park, West end of Main St.

‘Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh long may it wave o’er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Rock Creek Wind Project update from EGP-NA

“Enel Green Power-North America (EGP-NA) began construction on the Rock Creek wind farm in October of 2016. Since beginning construction, the team has worked to lay the foundations and the roadways throughout the site. Wind turbine deliveries started mid-May and will continue over the summer. Over the next months, the construction team will work to finish roads and foundations, install the underground collection system, install the transmission line and finish the project electrical substation. The project is moving along in accordance with our schedule and we expect the project to be operational by the end of 2017. The project is generating approximately 300 construction jobs at the site and once complete it is expected to create about 14 new full-time jobs in Atchison County. We continue to be grateful for the support of the local community in Atchison County.”

- Enel Green Power-North America; May 19, 2017