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SPRING OAC MEETINGS

On Tuesday, April 2, 2019, PWCTC instructors conducted their second and final Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) Meetings for the 2018-2019 school year. The members of the OACs are comprised of local businesses and industry leaders related to the program area, post-secondary partners, students and parents. The purpose of these meetings is to help provide additional information and direction for each program to prepare to be career and college ready.

This meeting was held via ZOOM, the leader of modern enterprise video communications, allowing committee members the leisure of participating at home or workplace. PWCTC is the first CTC in Pennsylvania to conduct OAC meetings via an on-line platform.

INDUSTRY VISITS

Over the past few years, we have been working diligently to involve local business and industry leaders in our programs. Through industry visits, we have been building great relationships with industry leaders around the Pittsburgh Region. Throughout the year, each teacher visits two businesses that are related to their program. During these visits, we had the opportunity to learn the types of employees local businesses need, share a great deal about PWCTC, and solicit donations of consumable supplies and equipment. We are very excited about the impact these industry visits are having on opportunities for our students. So far this year, our staff members have visited a total of 37 different businesses and created many lasting partnerships, which have resulted in \$110,000 in donated consumable supplies and equipment to PWCTC!

NTHS INTERVIEWS

On Wednesday, March 27, 2019, interviews for PWCTC's National Technical Honor Society Chapter were conducted. In order to be considered for membership, students must have maintained an A in their career major, a B or better in their academic coursework, have had no more than 5 days of absence and no disciplinary referrals.

The interview process was conducted by several PWCTC staff members and First National Bank Vice-President, Bradley Johnston, and Pittsburgh Technical College Career Development Specialist, Michael Zurga.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – MAY 7, 2019 AT 7:00 PM