

September 2009 E-newsletter

Dear Kris,

School is underway! We are excited to get back into the classroom to inspire and prepare our next generation of employees.

Remember...November 7th is our wine tasting event.

Take care,
Kris Marshall
President & CEO

Celebrating Success - Career Development



Student, Briana, with Career Coach, Margot from Extra Credit Union, work together to enhance Briana's job readiness skills.

This summer, we partnered with MichiganWorks! to provide six-week job readiness programs to young students whose families are facing difficult economic times. We worked with 45 amazing young adults and the results were phenomenal!

At the end of our MichiganWorks! Job Readiness Program...

- 92% of the students felt very confident in their ability to set detailed goals. (45% at the beginning)

- 92% of the students strongly believed that it is important to work



hard to get what you want. (70% at the beginning)
· 91% of the students felt very confident in their ability to communicate professionally. (60% at the beginning)

STUDENT QUOTES:

Briana - Michigan Works! Student Participant

Winning Futures has helped me gain knowledge about the work world and how to better myself as I grow older and become more independent. [Thank you] for teaching us how to be good in an interview, how to create a great resume, and how to manage my finances. I really enjoyed myself in this program!

Ryan - Michigan Works! Job Coach

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to work as a job coach for Michigan Works! It truly has been the most enjoyable job and learning experience of my life. This opportunity has helped me to enhance both my leadership and communication skills, while learning a lot about myself. Your time and support has been greatly appreciated.

Governor's Service Award-Mike Fitzpatrick



Congratulations to Mike Fitzpatrick for being a finalist for the "Mentor of the Year Award" at the 2009 Governor's Service Awards. At the awards ceremony, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and First Gentleman Daniel G. Mulhern recognized outstanding individuals, organizations, and businesses for their commitment to serving their communities through volunteerism.

Mike has mentored 45 Winning Futures students over the past 12 years. He mentors because he believes it positively influences those who need it most and because it greatly enriches his own life and the world in which we live. Mike enjoys helping students see the connection between academics and the world of work. In fact, he uses his company, Fitzpatrick Manufacturing, to serve as a learning tool for mentees by offering tours and potential employment.

Wish List

115 Picture Frames

We are seeking picture frames (sizes 4x6, 5x7, or 8x10) to use for our fall mentoring sessions related to developing students' personal visions of success. We are collecting these through October 22nd.

The Winning Futures Career Closet

The Career Closet is a career development program established this year to give Warren Consolidated students, who may not otherwise have access, an opportunity to receive free professional attire they need for interviews, professional networking, and academic activities including internships, job shadows, and graduation ceremonies.

We are seeking donations of gently used clothing items, including men's and women's suits, slacks, skirts, blazers, suit coats, shirts, blouses, ties, shoes, and other professional wear in a variety of sizes. We are collecting items through September 24th.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Laurie at laurie@winningfutures.org or call her at 586-698-4536.

Sponsor Highlight - Jack & Jill of America



Jack and Jill of America Foundation, Inc. recently awarded Winning Futures a \$4,500 Independent Grant to develop our mentoring program and enhance students' leadership skills. The foundation's purpose is to influence the ongoing positive development of children. Thank you for supporting our community's future by believing in our youth!

To learn more about the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, please visit them online at www.jackandjillfoundation.org/.

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