

Luzerne Learns to Work

Pilot Program Impact

In the 2023-2024 school year, the Luzerne Learns the Work program:

- Engaged **six (6)** school districts in either teacher-facilitated or asynchronous student participation
- Provided access and awareness to approximately **5,800** students across the County
- Registered **39** local businesses and organizations to provide student work-based learning experiences
- Awarded **three (3)** local senior students with scholarships to pursue continuing education, totaling **\$10,000**

In the next academic year, we aim to expand the program's reach to more districts and students, create an even stronger ladder to local higher education, and continue growing the ecosystem of partners to amplify this impact in the future.




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STREAMLINED CAREER EXPLORATION FOR LUZERNE COUNTY STUDENTS

Luzerne Learns to Work is an innovative educational program that provides Luzerne County high school students with a process and platform to explore career pathways, workforce development tools, and local industry career pipelines. Through the use of this program, students are empowered to explore potential career pathways through free access to LinkedIn Learning, Metrix Learning, and Luzerne County Library courses, local workforce and career development tools, opportunities with local higher education institutions, work-based learning experiences with local companies, and scholarship opportunities for participating seniors. Awareness of these resources builds a pipeline of talent filtered into local industries, ensures that students get early exposure to our community, and produces more qualified talent retained to fill jobs in our most in-demand industries.

THE LUZERNE LEARNS TO WORK PARTNER ECOSYSTEM

We've collaborated with additional partners and agencies to integrate a variety of resources to help prepare students, educators, and parents/guardians for a full-fledged career exploration journey throughout all four years of high school. Presenting this solution as an ecosystem with educational tracks for students, parents and guardians, educators, and businesses will allow our region's most valuable resource providers the opportunity to address the topic of workforce development holistically, comprehensively, and collaboratively, building off the strength of each other's expertise and contributing them to a larger system to support more students with more opportunities.



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STUDENTS

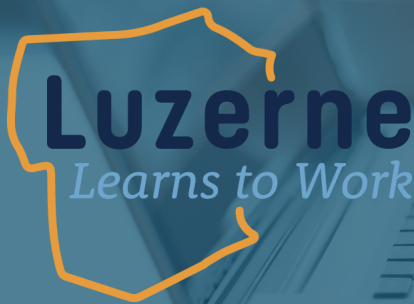
- "I like that this program actually gives insight and information on what to expect in my career choices in the future." - LLW Student
- "I thought that the information in the program was very useful and not something that you usually find in one place like that all at once." - LLW Student

TEACHERS

- "My students are more excited than I would have expected to get into this!" - LLW Teacher

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- "...the main goal is to become a college professor. I want to help give people the push to achieve greatness after putting in the work to have even gotten where they have in the first place. Working with such diligent people, just to stretch them further. I can spread the same love and care which was so readily given to me. That's the dream." - LLW Scholarship Recipient



Luzerne Learns to Work Program Activities

Throughout the academic year, students, educators, and parents & guardians will be exposed to a collection of partners, resources, and activities that will enhance their knowledge of career exploration and local career pipelines.

9th Graders	10th Graders	11th Graders	12th Graders
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<p>Parents & Guardians</p>		<p>Educators</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access informational videos, webinars, and seminars Receive monthly Career Exploration Digests highlighting their students' work in the program throughout the year 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Luzerne Learns to Work Day Participate in the Impact: Leadership in Education program & informational seminars through Leadership Northeast 	