SuccessBound 2025 Breakout Sessions

Building a Pathway to In-Demand Jobs in Western Ohio

First Breakout Session: 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Room 171	Room 131	Room 127	Room 120
Empowering Future Careers: Career Navigation in Miami County	**From Discovery to Career: Turning YouScience into Real-World Opportunities**	**Industry-Recognized Credentials 101: Unlocking Student Success**	**Unlocking Career Pathways: The Power of Apprenticeships**
Discover how Miami County is transforming career navigation for students! The Career Connections team at the Miami County ESC is bridging education and industry through strategic partnerships with schools, businesses, and economic leaders. After a year of pilot programs and research, we've identified key opportunities to enhance career awareness and planning. Join us to explore innovative programs, powerful partnerships, and tools like YouScience that connect students with real-world opportunities. Leave with actionable insights to strengthen career pathways in your district!	Learn how students are transforming career exploration into real jobs! SOCHE, Kettering Fairmont, and Centerville High School will share how YouScience and Career Pathways guide students toward work-based learning experiences that lead to employment after graduation. Join us as we break down the process—from career discovery to hands-on learning to securing jobs. Gain insights, best practices, and actionable steps to help students successfully navigate their journey from education to employment!	Discover how Industry-Recognized Credentials (IRCs) can transform student career readiness in Ohio! This session will break down the essentials—starting with the credential list itself and diving into practical strategies for integrating IRCs into your school and curriculum. Gain insights, best practices, and actionable steps to help students earn valuable credentials that lead to in-demand jobs. Whether you're new to IRCs or looking to enhance your program, this session will equip you with the tools to make a real impact.	Discover how Registered Apprenticeships and Pre-Apprenticeships can open doors to high-demand careers! Join the expert from ApprenticeOhio as he breaks down how these programs equip students with real-world skills, hands-on experience, and direct pathways to employment. Whether you're an educator, employer, or community leader, this session will provide key insights, answer your questions, and help you connect students to rewarding career opportunities. Don't miss this chance to turn learning into earning!
Presented by: Liz Sonnanstine, Career Connections Coordinator, Miami County ESC Kristi Voisard, Career Navigation Specialist, Miami County ESC	Presented by: Cassie Barlow, President, Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) Tom Henderson, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, Centerville-Kettering-Oakwood Compact Nicole Will, Workforce Development Navigator, Kettering City Schools	Presented by: Connor Rigney, Program Administrator, Ohio Department of Education & Workforce	Presented by: Matt Longfellow, Apprenticeship Service Provider, Department of Job & Family Services

Second Breakout Session: 10:25 – 11:10 p.m.

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Building Stronger Schools & Communities: Growing Your BAC	**Navigating the Future: Empowering Students with YouScience & Career Readiness**	**Middle Grades CTE as a Powerful Career Advising Tool**	**AI for Teaching & Learning: Transforming Education with AI**
Learn how the Champaign County ESC Business Advisory Council grew from a small group to a thriving network of 30+ partners! Discover effective strategies for recruiting businesses, fostering collaboration, and creating impactful student opportunities. Walk away with actionable ideas to strengthen your BAC and build lasting community-school partnerships! Presented by: Christina Flowers, Business & School Liaison, Champaign County Sarah Shepherd, Student Success Coordinator, Mechanicsburg Exempted Village Ryan Berry, Owner, Berry Digital Solutions	Unlock student potential with YouScience! This session dives into how YouScience reveals students' natural aptitudes and career paths, helping them make confident, informed decisions about their future. Discover how to integrate Career Navigation in your district, implement engaging Monthly Career Focus topics, and develop strategic Career Readiness Plans for K-12 students. Walk away with practical tools to guide students toward success! Presented by: Katie Grothaus, Career Navigator, Montgomery County ESC Nicole Will, Workforce Development Navigator, Kettering City Schools	What if you could enhance career advising without overhauling your curriculum? This session reveals how seamlessly integrating career-technical education (CTE) into grades 7-10 can open doors for students—helping them explore future careers while building real-world skills. Join us to discover practical, low-effort strategies that make a big impact on career readiness! Presented by: Libby McNeal, Education Program Specialist, Ohio Department of Education & Workforce	Discover how AI is revolutionizing education! This session explores a simple framework for responsible AI use, helping students and educators harness its power effectively. Learn how tools like ChatGPT and Magic School personalize learning, enhance curriculum design, and support instructional strategies. See real-world examples of AI-driven lesson planning, multidisciplinary projects, and administrative tasks like observations and evaluations. Walk away with actionable insights to seamlessly integrate AI into your classroom and district, improving both teaching efficiency and student engagement! Presented by: William Sprankles, Assistant Superintendent, Butler Tech Kristen AbuDakar, Director, Butler Tech

Third Breakout Session: 11:20 a.m.– 12:05 p.m.

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Re-Energizing Your Business Advisory Council: Growing & Strengthening Partnerships	**Career Explorations at Valley View High School**	**Recruiting Veterans to be Ohio Teachers: Unlocking Talent Through SkillBridge**	**AI for Teaching & Learning: Transforming Education with AI**
A strong Business Advisory Council (BAC) is vital—but how do you keep it from losing momentum? In this session, Mercer County ESC shares how restructuring and leveraging Quality Practices can breathe new life into your BAC, keeping partnerships fresh and engagement high. Discover innovative strategies to attract new partners, re-engage existing ones, and spark meaningful collaboration. Plus, learn how tools like Hometown Opportunity foster idea-sharing and regional growth. Walk away with practical solutions to energize your BAC and drive lasting impact!	Discover how Valley View High School is revolutionizing career exploration! In just two years, students have gained access to hands-on experiences tailored to their YouScience results—including industry-focused field trips, dynamic guest speakers, and exciting new courses. Join us to learn how these initiatives are inspiring students, expanding opportunities, and shaping future career paths. Don't miss this chance to bring fresh ideas to your own school!	Ohio schools need great teachers—why not tap into the leadership, discipline, and expertise of military Veterans. Through the Department of Defense SkillBridge program, SOCHE is partnering with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce to connect Veterans with teaching careers. Learn how your school can participate in this game-changing initiative, gain firsthand insights from a successful SkillBridge hire, and discover how Veterans can bring fresh perspectives and invaluable experience to the classroom. Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your teaching workforce with dedicated, mission-driven educators!	Discover how AI is revolutionizing education! This session explores a simple framework for responsible AI use, helping students and educators harness its power effectively. Learn how tools like ChatGPT and Magic School personalize learning, enhance curriculum design, and support instructional strategies. See real-world examples of AI-driven lesson planning, multidisciplinary projects, and administrative tasks like observations and evaluations. Walk away with actionable insights to seamlessly integrate AI into your classroom and district, improving both teaching efficiency and student engagement!
Presented by: Jared Ebbing, Director, Mercer County Community/Economic Development Sandi Holdheide, Workforce & Career Navigator, Mercer County ESC	Presented by: Patrick McKee, Principal, Valley View HS Katie Grothaus, Career Navigator, Montgomery County ESC	Presented by: Cassie Barlow, President, Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) Brett Doudican, Curriculum Supervisor, Greene County Career Center Kesha Harper, Community Outreach Coordinator, Greene County Career Center	Presented by: William Sprankles, Assistant Superintendent, Butler Tech Kristen AbuDakar, Director, Butler Tech

Fourth Breakout Session: 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

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Transforming Career Opportunities for High School Students	**Classroom to Career: Scaling Work-Based Learning with PortfoliOH**	**Redesigning Organizational Structure to Better Support Students with Disabilities**	**Building Strong Partnerships: Collaborating with Your CTPD Lead for High-Quality Career Tech Programs**
Discover how Greene County ESC and Beavercreek Schools are redefining career readiness with hands-on initiatives like Scrubs Camp and Clark State's EBE100 Employability Skills. Learn strategies to engage businesses without overwhelming them and explore alternatives to traditional career fairs. This session highlights practical ways to support students pursuing employment, certifications, or licensures instead of military or four-year college routes. Walk away with actionable insights to create sustainable career pathways that make a real impact! Presented by: Chad Mason, Career Coordinator, Greene County ESC	Unlock the full potential of Work-Based Learning (WBL) with PortfoliOH, Ohio's game-changing tool for schools, businesses, and workforce partners! This powerful platform streamlines documentation, automates graduation seal tracking, and uses AI-driven insights to connect students with real-world career opportunities. Learn how PortfoliOH enhances Business Advisory Committees, Career Exploration Activities, and WBL experiences—all while making tracking and reporting effortless. Whether you're an educator, business leader, or workforce professional, this session will equip you with the tools to implement PortfoliOH and transform career readiness in your community! Presented by: Jeff McClellan, Founder, StartSOLE	How can we ensure students with disabilities thrive in CTE labs? Greene CCC tackled this challenge head-on by restructuring its special education support system based on insights from the Perkins V CLNA. This session explores how aligning special education instructors with CTE labs enhances student success, increases teacher collaboration, and maximizes support where it's needed most. Learn practical strategies to create an inclusive, high-impact learning environment that helps all students excel! Presented by: Brett Doudican, Curriculum Supervisor, Greene County Career Center Jill Anon, Supervisor of Student Services, Greene County Career Center	Stronger partnerships create stronger programs! Join MVCTC and Miamisburg City Schools as they share how collaboration within their CTPD drives the development of high-quality Career Tech programs. Learn how they successfully build and expand both satellite and partner-owned programs, ensuring students gain access to top-tier career-focused education. Walk away with insights and strategies to strengthen your own CTPD partnerships and enhance career tech opportunities in your district! Presented by: Rhonda Phillips, Assistant Superintendent, Miami Valley CTC Liz Jensen, Satellite Supervisor, Miami Valley CTC Laura Blessing, Superintendent, Miamisburg City Schools Stacie Moore, Director, Miamisburg City Schools Bob Neubauer, Supervisor of Workforce Development, Miamisburg City Schools

Fifth Breakout Session: 1:55 – 2:40 p.m.

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Breaking Barriers: How Business Advisory Councils Use Emerging Tech to Connect Students to Careers	**Legacy in the Making: Equipping Students for Career Success & Generational Impact**	**Career & Graduation Ready for All Students: Unlocking Pathways to Success**	**From STEM to WorkKeys: Building a SuccessBound Pathway**
Imagine giving students a front-row seat to in-demand careers—without ever leaving the classroom! The Montgomery County ESC's Business Advisory Council, representing 23 districts and 90,000 students, is using cutting-edge technology like VR to transform career exploration. Join us to see how virtual reality and other emerging tech are breaking down barriers, creating immersive career experiences, and strengthening connections between students and local industries. Walk away with innovative ideas to bring these tools to your own district!

Presented by:
Bryan Stewart, Workforce Director, Montgomery County ESC & Learn to Earn Dayton

Lori Bryne, State Workforce Manager, Transfr, Inc. | Every student has the potential to build a lasting legacy. In this dynamic session, Dr. Maurice Stinnett—leader in the White House, NBA and global music industry—shares how education transformed his life and provides strategies to:
• Unlock student potential through skill development.
• Bridge education and industry for workforce readiness.
• Drive economic mobility through career preparation.
• Champion success with mentorship and support.
Gain actionable tools to empower students and shape career pathways, plus exclusive access to a groundbreaking career-readiness resource.

Presented by:
Dr. Maurice Stinnett, Head of Economic Impact, Defined Learning

Katie Bradigan, Head of Engagement, Defined Learning | Every student deserves a meaningful path to graduation and a successful career. Learn how Greene CCC is using in-demand industry-recognized credentials, including Lean Six Sigma, to equip students with valuable skills, boost employability, and create clear graduation pathways. Discover how these credentials open doors to high-paying careers while ensuring students leave high school prepared for their next steps. Walk away with actionable strategies to implement credentialing programs that empower all students to thrive!

Presented by:
Brett Doudican, Curriculum Supervisor, Greene County Career Center

Jill Anon, Supervisor of Student Services, Greene County Career Center | How can we ensure students graduate truly SuccessBound? This session explores how career-related experiences, STEM education, and WorkKeys assessments create a seamless pathway from classroom to career. Discover strategies for aligning STEM courses with workforce skills, developing a K-12 SuccessBound plan, and leveraging WorkKeys to give students a competitive edge. Walk away with actionable ideas to build and enhance career-focused programs that prepare students for real-world success!

Presented by:
Scott Bloom, Director of Curriculum, Piqua City Schools |