We are so excited to be a part of the educational community for our region. Our adult and high school training is ready to help with the employment needs of area businesses. We are continually working to build better programs with rigorous curriculum, industry standard equipment, and industry recognized credentials.

It is wonderful to see the students grow in their new career choices. Seniors are more than half-way through their last year of school. Along with working on internships for them, we will also be announcing dates and details for our Employment Extravaganza and our Passport Ceremony in the next month. Please be on the lookout for that communication. Tri-County tries to teach students how to be "workforce ready", which means coming to school every day and being on time. Please encourage your child to be at school every day to be eligible to participate in all of the activities we have planned for them.

Our Adult Center is ready to enroll students who want a fresh start or who want to pursue a new interest. We are releasing a new special interest class list that will have something for everyone. The Adult Center has full-time programs for Phlebotomy, Medical Assistant, Power Line, Cosmetology and Welding. A new Cyber Security class will be coming this summer. Financial assistance is available for many programs.

Please call my office so we can partner for placement of our students in your business, or get you signed up for one of our great training opportunities and programs. As always, thank you for supporting our district, our staff and our students in our efforts to strengthen our communities through career tech education and training.

Connie Altier, Superintendent
Campus Highlights

HVAC/Plumbing student, Elijah Sauber, giving the new Sheet Metal Break equipment a try.

Mr. Denhart checking over the framing work by the Construction Trades Seniors in the 2022 Carpentry House.

Sports Journalism and New Media student, Achilles Wesney, filming Mr. Deley for a Board Appreciation Assignment.

Sydne Rawlins, Sports Medicine Student, is using the massage gun on a program visitor.

Nursing Technology student, Makayla Vermillion, showing off "Juno's" EKG reading.

Graphic Design and Marketing instructor, Isaiah Andrews, helping visiting Sophomores "warp" Spiderman’s face to demonstrate the power of Photoshop.

Alexandra Neville, Medical Professions Student (left) and Riley Canter, Nursing Technology Student, recently helped out with the Red Cross Blood Drive.

Networking student, Kentin Taynor, explaining the parts of the PC to visiting Sophomores.
Regional and State Contest Winners

Sashalyn Traugh, Culinary Arts, earned a Gold rating in the FCCLA Culinary Arts Competition.

Austin Collins and Mackenzie Vickroy, Diesel Ag. students placed 9th in the FFA Diesel Ag. Power Diagnostics State Contest. Each earned a $1,000 scholarship.

Dustidawn Talbert, Culinary Arts, earned a Bronze rating in the FCCLA Food Innovations Competition.

Left to right: SkillsUSA students Jordan Phillips, Auto Body, earned a Bronze Rating in the Automotive Refinishing Contest; Matthew Bailey, Electrical Trades, placed 3rd in the Electrical Contest and will advance to the state; and Josiah Radebaugh, Auto Tech, earned a Bronze Rating in the Auto Service Technology Contest.

Left to right: Navaeh Blystone, Makenzie Blake and Darby Mays, Early Childhood Education students, earned a Silver rating in the FCCLA Chapter Service Display at the Regional Contest.

Retail Office students Allyson Kennard placed 6th in the BPA State Payroll Accounting Competition and Ciara Combs placed 7th in the BPA State Banking and Finance Competition. Both will advance to the National Competition in Dallas, Texas.

Madison Turner and Kayson Maxwell, Culinary Arts, earned a Gold rating in the FCCLA Event Management Competition.

Savanna Dressing, Culinary Arts, earned a Silver rating in the FCCLA Career Investigation Competition.

Zach Deaney, Criminal Justice, earned a Gold Rating in the SkillsUSA Criminal Justice Competition.

Ashlee Strawn, Retail Office, won 1st Place in the BPA Regional Accounting Fundamentals Competition.
Regional and State Contest Winners

Loralye Davis, Culinary Arts, earned a Silver in the FCCLA Bakery and Pastry Arts Competition.

Culinary Arts Students Regina Folden (left), Jerrika Shoultz and Dakota Graf (not pictured) earned a Silver rating in the FCCLA Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation Competition.

Andrea Spencer, Early Childhood Education, earned a Gold rating in the FCCLA Language and Literacy Competition.

Retail Office Students Ciara Combs (left) 1st Place in Banking & Finance; Allison Kennard, 1st Place in Payroll Accounting; Kaylee Krebs, 2nd Place in Payroll Accounting; and Faye Lockhart, 3rd Place in Banking and Finance. These Retail Office students will advance to the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Competition.

Culinary Arts student Dustidawn Talbert (left to right) collaborated with Sports Medicine students Torin Hinkle and Tara Sigafoose to earn a Gold rating in the FCCLA Sports Nutrition Competition.
With the state of Ohio focusing on massive expansion of broadband, Tri-County has graduated two classes of the new Fiber Optic Technician Program. This program is one of the few in the state to be certified to train future technicians in an immensely needed and valued job market. Fiber optic line is utilized by internet, satellite television and cell phone companies.

Participants in the Fiber Optic Technician Program complete 40 hours of training. Course length is four hours with current students meeting two nights a week. Upon completion of the course, adult students become FOA certified.

Tri-County's program is headed up by Jim Lump, an operations manager at Horizon. Lump said the first class successfully certified eight new fiber optic technicians. "Everyone (in the field) is interested in what we're doing at Tri-County because there's not enough of the skillset out there with the way the fiber optic market is expanding," Lump said.

Zach Poling, a graduate of the first Fiber Optic Technician program at Tri-County, explained that the classes are split up between lecture and hands-on laboratory work on the fiber optic lines. He said the class teaches "all of the ins and outs of fiber" and students are able to get their hands on actual fibers, splicing them and using testers to determine breaks. "The instruction we received was incredible," Poling said." Mr. Lump has been in that field for 40 years. I'm very happy to have gone through a course with such a competent instructor." For more information on the program and to enroll, contact Tri-County Adult Center at www.tricountyhightech.com or call 740.753.3511.

![Certified Fiber Optics Installer](image1.jpg)  
![Certified Fiber Optics Installer](image2.jpg)

**Enroll Now in our Adult Education Program**

We have full-time and part time programs. Check out Cosmetology, Phlebotomy, Medical Assistant, and Power Line Technologies. New classes are being added soon. We also offer Welding, Excel, Serve Safe, and FOA Certifications. We offer ASPIRE training on site. Financial Aid and grants are available to help with fees. We also can customize courses for individuals and companies. To enroll go to [https://www.tricountyhightech.com/content/career-programs](https://www.tricountyhightech.com/content/career-programs) or call 740.753.5464.

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New Electrical Trades Lab

Our Electrical Trades Program has a new home. A 3,000 square foot building was custom built to house our growing Electrical program. This allows space for students to gain union credentials and practice hands-on skills in Electricity.

Board of Education Members

(Left to Right Front): Gary Dicken, Athens-Meigs ESC; Ray Hatem, New Lexington City Schools; Bruce Nottke, Athens City Schools; Jim Palmer, Southern Local Schools; Mark Barrell, Logan-Hocking Schools; and Ed Penrod, Logan-Hocking Schools. (Left to Right Back): Dave Hadyn, Athens City Schools; John Depoy, Athens-Meigs, ESC; Lance Bell, Logan-Hocking Schools; Justin Gall, New Lexington City Schools; and Micah Covert, Nelsonville-York City Schools.