

JA NEPA News - October 2023



A heartfelt thank you to the volunteers pictured above who delivered the YES! (Your Economic Success) program to almost 400 students at Wyoming Valley West Middle School earlier this month.

Some feedback from students at WVW middle school:

- I learned that it's okay if you don't go to college, because there are going to be good jobs that don't need a degree.
- I would say Thank You for the great activities and for taking time off from your work. I hope you can do this for the future 7th graders.
- The most impactful part of the YES day experience was learning how much jobs make that don't need a college degree.
- The most impactful part was when the two ladies gave us the career cluster packets. In my opinion it helped a lot and I now have a good idea of what I want to do when I grow up which is why I saved my packet.

Why You Should Say YES!

Our YES! program for middle schoolers is a morning of hands-on, interactive sessions designed to help tweens and teens think about their futures. Each student participates in a session on the **trades**, **career interests**, **manufacturing** and **interview skills** through games, videos, questionnaires, and more. Check out this news coverage of our event at G.A.R.

We need volunteers like you to continue providing this vital information to our area youth. If you can help at any of our upcoming morning programs, please sign up.

West Scranton Intermediate School: November 15
This is our first program at West and we need your hep!

Dunmore Middle School: December 15

Old Forge Junior High School: February 9

Volunteer Sign-Up Form





It's Easy to Volunteer

The one question we get the most is "What's entailed in volunteering?"

We promise: It's easy and you will have a great time with the students!

- JA provides everything you need to present your session to the students.
- You meet with your team prior to going to the classroom and are given detailed directions.
- Easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions are provided to each group along with all materials.
- The teacher is always with their students.

Note: You don't have to have any experience in the session topic you are presenting. You just need to be willing to make a difference.

Questions? Email Ariah Saeed.

Volunteer Now

Thank you to the following local businesses and organizations for allowing their employees to volunteer with our YES! program:

G.A.R Business Volunteers 10/11

- Ameriprise Financial
- Building Blocks Learning Center
- City of Wilkes-Barre
- Enterprise
- Fidelity Bank
- Luzerne County Visitors Bureau
- PA State Police
- Warren Faust Smart Local 44 and School Board Director

W.V.W Business Volunteers 10/18

- Ameriprise Financial
- Dream 2 Career
- Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Janet Cussatt Wilkes University and WVW Board of Directors
- King's College
- Luzerne County Visitors Bureau
- NEPIRC
- Wells Fargo

Save the Date -- April 16 and 17



We are looking forward to our 2nd annual Inspire Career Discovery Experience on April 16-17! We have expanded to a two-day event to engage even more high school students in hands-on, experiential exhibits with local companies to expose them to career opportunities, create connections, and help inspire them toward a pathway for future success.

Check out this **2-minute video** of last year's event.

If you'd like to discuss opportunities to present your business or trade to 3,000 high school students at this year's Experience please email Alysia Clancy.

Interested in Volunteering?



Our volunteers come from all walks of life -- local businesses and service groups, college students, retired professionals and tradespeople -- anyone 18 and older can volunteer to help us bring this immersive learning experience to our area's young people!

> **Click here** to complete our Volunteer Sign-Up Form. Just select a school and date that works for you.

> > For any questions, email **Ariah Saeed**.

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