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On March 15th over 50 people from our local businesses and schools came together to discuss the important topic of tomorrow's workforce! The day consisted of listening to three great presentations. The presenters were Apryl Kidd, Michi McClaine, and Todd Hurst. People left the event inspired by what they had heard. A synopsis of their presentation is below. Becasue of generous donors like you, our community had this oppourtunity. Thank you for helping make Washington County a better place to live, work and raise a family!



Apryl Kidd COSMOS Director

Apryl, along with superintendents, Brent Comer-Mitchell Community Schools, Jimmy Ellis-Orleans Community Schools, and Kindra Hovis-Shoals Community Schools, shared how they are "Reimaging Rural". The COSMOS is a collaboration between Mitchell, Orleans & Shoals; three schools from three different counties. Apryl and her team shared the story of COSMOS, how it was birthed as well as how this continued collaborative effort is affording each school the opportunity to provide expanded career pathways and unique experiences for their students outside the traditional education model.



Michi McClaine

Vice President of Talent Development at Regional Opportunity Initiatives, Inc. (ROI)

Michi shared the history of ROI and their involvement with UpSkill Work & Learn. UpSkill is a modern youth apprenticeship program that affords students: a) the opportunity to gain real-world experience, while getting paid and b) employers to grow their workforce.



Todd Hurst Executive Director of the Institute for Workforce Excellence

Todd spoke about their commitment to partner statewide with employers, educators and communities in collaboration to cultivate Hoosier talent. The goal is to develop a highly skilled workforce through collaborative partnerships that engage and equip employers and educators to elevate opportunities throughout the state. Todd focused on the Work & Earn program. Work & Earn is a partnership with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Work & Earn started in 2013 with a focus on college students, in 2019 it was expanded to include high school students. The program provides state matching funds (reimbursement of up to 50%) for qualifying employers and students. This program provides an opportunity for talent development for employers and real - world experience for students.

"I was very pleased with the entire workshop, the presenters provided relevant, interesting and timely information. The response from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. I am excited to see what happens next through the power of collaboration."

-Karen Barry

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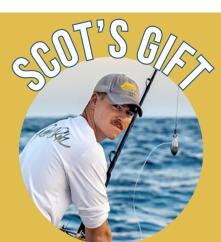
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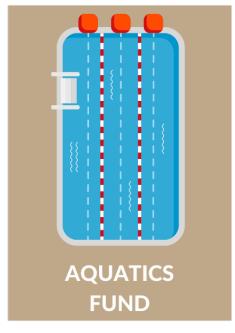
In honor of Bob Strange Paula Strange



Scot passed away in 2021 in service to our country. This year he will help student athletes at East Washington High School. His servant heart will always live on.

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