



NOTES

WILSON COUNTY INDUSTRY COUNCIL
Thursday, February 9, 2023
Lebanon Airport, Lebanon, TN

ATTENDING:

Austin Ward, Famous Footwear	Jon Thompson, Thompson Elec
Corey Johns, JECDB	Brian Criswell, Tritium
Ginny Brown, Nashville Display	Ray Garcia, AMAZON
Don Ellis, Vol State	Bonnie Holeman, Wilson Co Schools
Heather Walter, KHS	Dixie Rury, Cumberland Univ
Danielle Oligney, Tritium	Mike Turturice, PFG
Brenda Torres, AMAZON	Kalifa Hill, Walmart FC
Jeff Cockrell, Vol State	Mandy Covington, REI
Krista DiGiacomo, Novamet	Essence Brisco, Rutherford Works
Kiana McGahee, Famous Footwear	Sue Holland, Destaco
Adina Chumley, Wilson Works	

TOPIC: Career Quest & Prepping for Wilson 8th Grade Career Expo

Lottie Ryans, Director of Workforce & Literacy Initiatives 1st TN Development District

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Lottie Ryans shared a video and details of a 9-county career exploration event in upper east Tennessee that takes place over two (2) days featuring Manufacturing, Healthcare, Construction and IT employers who develop hands-on or virtual experiences to expose students to jobs and career pathways. The event targets students in middle schools and high schools. She extended an open invitation for any council members to attend their event April 27/28 at ETSU Mini Dome. 1081 John Robert Bell Dr., Johnson City, TN 37601

Shared this video of event from 2018:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uypKM1rNXic>

DISCUSSION:

- **HIGH SCHOOL JOB FAIRS:**
 - Green Hill High School on **March 15**
 - Watertown High School on **March 28**
 - Wilson Central High School on **April 5**
 - Lebanon on **April 4**
 - Mt. Juliet on **March 14**



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BE PRO BE PROUD: Shared a video and info on a new initiative from the TN Chamber featuring a semi tractor-trailer soon to launch in TN featuring virtual exposure to skilled trades. Shared this video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YqtaexplpcA>

- **Dixie Rury, Cumberland Univ.,** shared info on the Nashville Area College to Career Fair scheduled for April 4, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Nashville Fairgrounds.
- **Expungement Clinic:** April 27 @ the Journey Church, Lebanon, 4p-7p
- **Essence Brisco, Rutherford Works:** shared info on the Jumpstart Job Fair for graduating Rutherford county seniors to be held April 4 @ the TCAT Smyrna campus.

- **Next Meeting: March 9, 8:00 AM, Networking. Program: 8:15AM. Speaker from TN OSHA.**