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APPLY TO JOIN THE WE LEAD CS STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

- Plan events and activities with employers that will help WLCS students become the most competitive applicants in the entry level tech workforce.
- Help create Kentucky's first Tech Olympics.
- Prepare for paid internship opportunities.
- Gain experience to demonstrate leadership abilities on your resume.

Email jgray@weleadcs.org for more information. The application deadline is November 22nd.

Click here for a link to the application.



BRINGING EMPLOYERS TO WE LEAD CS STUDENTS

WCLS hosted our second job shadowing day on October 30th to connect WLCS students with tech employers. Professionals from GE Aerospace, Fifth Third Bank, KC7 Foundation, Lexmark International, and more spoke to students. about their career development, what they do in their jobs, and offered students advice about how to prepare to compete in the workforce. The next job shadowing event is on November 21st.

Students are also participating in college and career readiness sessions throughout the semester which cover topics like resumes, personal branding and finding the right college. Here's to another great month for our virtual computer science career academy!



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHTS AND EVENTS IN OCTOBER

During October, WLCS visited counties across the Commonwealth to raise awareness of educational opportunities and career readiness development that WLCS offers. Our staff visited Lawrence County, Greenup County, Owen County, and iLEAD Academy. In November, WLCS will continue our visits in Northern, Western, and Eastern Kentucky.

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Upcoming Events

Owen County NOVEMBER 14 High School Rockcastle **NOVEMBER 15** County Job Shadowing **NOVEMBER 21** for all students Northern KY **NOVEMBER 25** Cooperative for **Educational Services NOVEMBER 27** Thanksgiving break **NOVEMBER 29** for all districts

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MEET JENNA GRAY

We Lead CS Director of Student Success

After 29 years in education, I am very excited to help lead Kentucky's virtual computer science career academy. As the Director of Student Success, I work closely with school districts, colleges, and employers to help students prepare for high-paying careers in computer science. I also lead the work of We Lead CS' college and career coaches. We help students choose courses aligned to their interests, apply for scholarships and internships, and plan to use college credits earned in We Lead CS to earn degrees faster and at a lower cost.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family. Eric & I have two sons and a grandson. We are expecting the birth of our second grandson this winter. We love to go to Disney and play golf together.

My advice to students is always to dream big, work hard, and stay kind. I hope students will take advantage of every opportunity and see what the future holds!

Thank you for being a part of WLCS!

Click on linked name below to schedule a meeting with WLCS College & Career Readiness Advisors:

<u>Jenna Gray,</u>

Director of Student Success

Sarah Mann:

Internships & resume writing

Amanda Ashcraft:

Scheduling & transfer plans

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