

# ARMSTRONG

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## Scholarship Applications Available



The Armstrong Educational Trust is pleased to announce that applications are available for educational awards.

### Ralph and Mary Lou McAllister Scholarship Trust Fund

The Trust anticipates awarding three scholarships in the amount of \$2,500.00 to individuals seeking a college education through the **Ralph and Mary Lou McAllister Scholarship Trust Fund**.

To be eligible for an award, the applicant must be or will be enrolled in an approved institution of higher learning leading to a Bachelor's Degree. Also, the applicant must live in the Borough of Ford City or at a residence with a Ford City Post Office address.

### Helen and Fred Ortman Scholarship Trust Fund

One Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 is available for an individual seeking a college education through the **Helen and Fred Ortman Scholarship Trust Fund**.

To be eligible for an award, the applicant must be accepted to be enrolled in an approved institution of higher learning leading to a Bachelor's Degree.

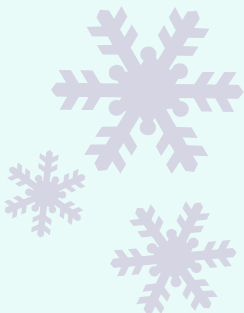
The applicant must be a senior who attends Ford City High School and have a grade point average of at least 3.0.

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Applications are due by March 15 to the Trust

For more information or to get application materials, please contact the Trust at  
724-543-2599 or [pataet@windstream.net](mailto:pataet@windstream.net).



# New and Upcoming Classes from Lenape Adult Education



**LenapeTech**  
Education at Work



The new year brings several new classes from **Lenape Adult Education** to the Armstrong Education Center.

**First Time Notary Training Seminar** will be held on Thursday, January 22 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. This is a state approved program to fulfill the three-hour mandatory education provision for new notaries. A second, advanced seminar is planned for June; enrollment in both seminars leads to a 10% discount.

**Microsoft Office XP 2007 Introduction** will begin on January 22. The course will be held on Thursdays from 6:15-8:45 PM through February 19. Following this course, **Microsoft Word I 2007** and **Microsoft Excel I 2007** will provide advanced skills in those applications. Future courses include **Microsoft Word II 2007**, **Microsoft Excel II 2007**, **Microsoft PowerPoint 2007**, and **Microsoft Publisher 2007**.

**PLEASE NOTE: MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY CLASS MISSING FROM LENAPE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS LISTING IN THE WINTER/SPRING ARMSTRONG EDUCATIONAL TRUST BOOKLET OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

The listing for Lenape Adult Education in the winter/spring booklet of **Education and Training Opportunities in Armstrong County** is missing the introductory class for both the **Medical Office Assistant and Medical Transcription** programs of study.

**Medical Terminology** will be offered on Mondays from 6:00 to 8:30 PM from 1/12/09 thru 3/30/09.

For more information or to register for these programs, contact Cathy Champagne at Lenape Adult Education, 724-763-7116 ext.316 or the Trust at 724-543-2599 or [pataet@windstream.net](mailto:pataet@windstream.net).

## County-Wide Career Fair Planned



**LenapeTech**  
Education at Work



ARMSTRONG COUNTY FORUM FOR  
Workforce Excellence

The Career Pathways Committee of the **Armstrong County Forum for Workforce Excellence** is preparing for a special event for ninth-grade students from the Apollo-Ridge, Armstrong, Freeport, and Leechburg School Districts.

On Monday, **February 23**, a county-wide career fair will be held at Lenape Technical School for these students.

Employers from several industry clusters will speak with the students about career opportunities and the educational preparation necessary for these careers.

For more information, contact the Forum administration office at the Trust at 724-543-2599 or [davidaet@windstream.net](mailto:davidaet@windstream.net).

## Graduate Programs for Teachers Accepting Applications

**GANNON**  
UNIVERSITY

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**Gannon University** is seeking teachers interested in completing two programs of study at the Armstrong Education Center.

The latest cohort for the **Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction** program is set to begin in summer 2009. The **Principal Certification** program is scheduled to begin in winter 2009.

**For more information or an application, contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at Gannon at 814-871-7474 or the Trust at 724-543-2599 or [davidaet@windstream.net](mailto:davidaet@windstream.net)**

## Scholarships Available for Supervisory Skills Series



The **Manufacturers and Business Association** is still offering scholarships for employees of member companies interested in the five course supervisory skills series to be offered at the Armstrong Education Center.

The program is designed to help participants meet the ever-changing challenges of being an effective supervisor. Each course is offered in a two day schedule. The scholarship program can save participating members up to 50%.

**For more information, contact Tracy Shepard of the Manufacturer & Business Association at 800-815-2660, the Trust at 724-543-2599, or [davidaet@windstream.net](mailto:davidaet@windstream.net).**

# Industry Cluster Consortia News

## *Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium*

**The Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium** has two new interim officers as of December 2008.



Alex Stockmal from Mid Atlantic District Labs is the interim chair, and Joe Goldcamp from Nature's Blend Wood Products is the interim vice chair. Vickie DeThomas, immediate past chair, will serve on the executive committee to help the interim officers and, eventually, the new officers with the transition.

A new regional program will be the focus of a presentation at the January meeting: ***Adventures in Technology***, a program that pairs local students with employers seeking to add to their resources to tackle a problem, is to extend to Armstrong and Westmoreland Counties.

For more information on the consortium or the presentation, contact the Trust at 724-543-2599 or [davidaet@windstream.net](mailto:davidaet@windstream.net)

## *Armstrong County Health Care Consortium*

**The Armstrong County Health Care Consortium** is planning its annual health care workers recognition luncheon. The tentative date for the event is **Wednesday, May 13, 2009**. More information and invitations to nominate workers for the recognition awards will be available in a few weeks. The consortium also is preparing to



award its annual health care worker scholarships.

For nomination or sponsorship forms for the luncheon or an application for the scholarship, contact **Jessica Eichner**, the health care industry coordinator at **724-282-9341** or the **Trust** at **724-543-2599** or [davidaet@windstream.net](mailto:davidaet@windstream.net).

## *Tri-County Technology Consortium*

The **Tri-County Technology Consortium** is seeking new members for the 2009 year. Information technology professionals from companies in other industry clusters such as manufacturing, health care, business and finance, and transportation are invited to join the group and participate in training, information sharing, and support of the information



technology and communications professions.

The **Tri-County Technology Consortium** meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 9:30 AM.

For more information, contact the consortium's interim chair, **Steve Higgins** at [sth@sasforge.com](mailto:sth@sasforge.com) or **724-309-3495** or the **Trust** at **724-543-2599** or [davidaet@windstream.net](mailto:davidaet@windstream.net)



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### **AET Mission Statement**

**To strengthen and promote career awareness, post-secondary continuing education, occupational training, workforce development, and certification programs on a timely basis for business, industry, and general economic development in Armstrong County and surrounding areas.**

### **AET Vision Statement**

**To prepare a world-class workforce to meet the evolving economic development needs of the community by:**

- **developing a skilled workforce for existing businesses and new emerging industries**
- **improving workplace skills of incumbent workers**
- **increasing environmental and conservation knowledge and education**
- **improving literacy rates in Armstrong County**
- **promoting life-long learning**
- **increasing professional development opportunities locally**
- **providing funding for education and training opportunities**
- **brokering and promoting post secondary education**
- **increasing knowledge and participation in community development**
- **promoting career development and providing career development services**