

# ARMSTRONG *educational trust*

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### CLASS FORMING



The **New Choices/New Options** program connects people to the world of work, assisting individuals in preparing for high skill/high wage jobs or occupational training programs that will enable them to support themselves and their families.

The program is offered without cost to individuals seeking a career change,

single parents/displaced homemakers, unemployed or underemployed or low income individuals, individuals exploring non-traditional technologies or trades, or postsecondary students.

A new class will begin at the Trust on **March 18.**



**For more information, contact the New Choices/New Options office at IUP at 800-830-3248 or the Trust at 724-543-2599.**

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## COMPUTER CLASS FOR SENIORS

Through the support of **Sugar Creek Rest** and **Lenape Adult Education**, a computer skills class for seniors will be offered at the Trust on Friday, **March 28** from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

The course is designed to help area senior citizens who would like to learn more about using a computer to stay in

touch with family and friends, search the Internet, and use the tools of the computer to accomplish everyday tasks.

The program is offered without cost and includes lunch.

For more information or to register, contact Armstrong Educational Trust at **724-543-2599.**



## LENAPE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM RE-ACCREDITATION SITE REVIEW



In mid-February, a team of visitors representing the **National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.** spent almost a week at the Armstrong Education Center reviewing the **Lenape Practical Nursing Program** for continuing accreditation of the program.

The comments and response from the team were extremely positive, and as a result, continuing accreditation of the program is expected.

Congratulations to Coordinator Kimberly Doms and the faculty and staff of the program for their excellent work on preparing nurses for the health care providers of the county and the region.



## PA LCB PROGRAM FOR ESTABLISHMENT OWNERS/OPERATORS



The **Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board** will hold its **Responsible Alcohol Management Program (RAMP)** for owners/operators on March 26 at the Trust (*this is a change of date from the original schedule.*).

For more information on this program, call the regional **LCB Alcohol Education** representative at 412-245-1001 or contact the Trust at 724-543-2599 or [davidaet@alltel.net](mailto:davidaet@alltel.net).

## ARMSTRONG COUNTY FORUM FOR WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE UPDATE



Plans for follow up to the visit of futurist Ed Barlow as well as an update on activities undertaken to act on recommendations made at last March's kick-off session by the steering committee of the **Armstrong County Forum for Workforce Excellence** will be the focus of a follow up session of the workforce forum on **Friday, April 25** at **Lenape Technical School**. Mark your calendars now to save the date, and look for an invitation in the next few weeks.

Among the activities planned by the steering committee are school-based career

awareness and education events for students and teachers of the Apollo-Ridge and Armstrong School Districts in April and May. Another event planned by the steering committee is a special student forum for selected high school students from the county who will participate in a day of career exploration at the ARMTEch Showcase of Industry and Technology in August.

For more information on the workforce forum or planned events, please contact the Trust at 724-543-2599 or [davidaet@alltel.net](mailto:davidaet@alltel.net).

## 6TH ANNUAL AHEC SUMMER HEALTH CAREER ACADEMY

**Southwest Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Inc.** is pleased to announce its 6<sup>th</sup> annual **AHEC Summer Health Career Academy** for gifted and talented ninth and tenth grade students from seven southwestern Pennsylvania counties. These counties are: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland. The Health Career Academy will take place for five days, July 14-18, 2008, on the main campus of the University of Pittsburgh.

The Academy is designed for current ninth and tenth grade students interested in learning about opportunities in various health careers and the academic preparation necessary for these careers. Transportation will be provided on an as needed basis from one to two locations in each county outside Allegheny County to Pitt's Oakland campus daily.

The Academy consists of hands-on clinical experiences, leadership activities, health

policy debates, and health career research. Academy faculty includes faculty and students from AHEC's partnering health professions schools, including the University of Pittsburgh Schools of Medicine, Dental Medicine, and Pharmacy; Chatham College Physician Assistant and Physical Therapy Programs; and Duquesne Forensic Nursing Program.

The curriculum for the program includes hands-on experience in: External defibrillation; intubation of a "patient" with a tracheal tube; ear and eye examinations; the workings of Simulation man—a state of the art computer-assisted teaching aid that can simulate various medical conditions; X-ray reading; the Heimlich maneuver with "Choking Charley"; taking blood pressure; using a pulse oximeter, and recognizing heart sounds. Students also will learn basic medical terminology, and receive training in leadership skills.



For a brochure, application, and a link to a video of students participating in the academy, log onto [www.southwestahec.org](http://www.southwestahec.org) and click on **Summer Health Career Academy Information** at the top of the page. You can also contact the Health Career Coordinator at **412-363-0185, Ext. 30** for more information.

## NEW MACHINIST TRAINING CLASS BEGINS MARCH 3

The **University of Pittsburgh's Manufacturing Assistance Center** is set to offer a 15-week machinist training program beginning **March 3**. The program includes courses in basic machining, CNC operation/

programming, and Mastercam. For those who qualify, financial assistance is available.

For more information, call the MAC at **412-826-3535** or the Trust at **724-543-2599**.





## FOOD SAFETY COURSE SCHEDULED



The **ServSafe Certification** will be offered through **Lenape Technical School** on **March 15** at the Trust.

This program satisfies the US Model Food Code from the FDA and Department of Agriculture for food service personnel

certification in safe food handling.

Registration includes exam, text, and lunch.

For more information on this program, contact Lenape Adult Education at **724-763-7116 extension 332** or the Trust at **724-543-2599** or [davidaet@alltel.net](mailto:davidaet@alltel.net).

## QUICKBOOKS ADVANCED SEMINAR TO BE HELD



An advanced seminar for those familiar with the capabilities of QuickBooks software and would like to become more knowledgeable with details and how the software can save time and money through its use is scheduled to be held at the Trust on **March 11 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**.

Topics will include items list, inventory, sales tax, processing payroll, using estimate and time tracking, working with accounts payable, and analyzing financial data.

For more information, contact **Lenape Adult Education** at **724-763-7116 extension 332** or the **Trust** at **724-543-2599** or [davidaet@alltel.net](mailto:davidaet@alltel.net).

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## INFORMATION SESSION/OPEN HOUSE FOR TEACHERS INTERESTED IN A MASTERS DEGREE



**Gannon University** will hold an information session/open house for teachers interested in a Masters Degree on **Tuesday, April 1** from 3:30-5:30 PM at the Trust.

**Gannon's M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction** currently has two cohorts of teachers taking classes at Armstrong Educational Trust.

**For more information or to register to attend, contact the Trust at 724-543-2599 or [davidaet@alltel.net](mailto:davidaet@alltel.net).**

## IUP NORTHPOINTE INFORMATION SESSIONS

IUP at Northpointe will be holding two Information Sessions for nurses interested in earning their **Master's Degree in Nursing-Administration Track**.

This part-time program will have classes on alternating Saturdays.

Learn more by attending an Information Session on **Wednesday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m.** or **Thursday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m.**

To RSVP or for more information, call **1-800-889-0872**.



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 15

**The Armstrong Educational Trust is accepting applications for two scholarship trust funds again this year.**

### Ralph and Mary Lou McAllister Scholarship Trust Fund

The **Armstrong Educational Trust** anticipates awarding three scholarships in the amount of **\$2,500** to individuals seeking a college education. 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** is available for an individual seeking a college education.

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.



**Applications are available at the Trust, through local high school guidance offices, or at IUP Northpointe.**

**Due Dates for applications for both scholarships are March 15, 2008.**

In addition to these scholarships, there are dozens of local scholarships available through groups such as the Armstrong County Sportsman and Conservation League and the Armstrong County Herb Group as well as the Armstrong County Community Foundation. Each year, very few applications are received for these funds, which are designated for deserving local students.

For more information on any of these scholarships, contact the Trust at **724-543-2599** or [davidaet@alltel.net](mailto:davidaet@alltel.net).



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## Educational Links

[www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

This is one of the first stops PA residents should make. This site offers information on the PA State Grant Program, PA loan forgiveness programs, and other PA award programs.

[www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)

Your free, interactive career and college planning Website which provides comprehensive resources for developing your postsecondary education plans. This site provides 24-hour access to self-assessment and career development tools.

[www.furtheryoureducation.org](http://www.furtheryoureducation.org)

Developed to help guide non-traditional students through the transfer process from a community college or 2-year school to a 4-year school.

[www.careerkey.org](http://www.careerkey.org)

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[www.pavcc.org/index.shtml](http://www.pavcc.org/index.shtml)

PA Virtual Community College

[www.chc.hcwp.org](http://www.chc.hcwp.org)

Explore health care careers

[www.acinet.org](http://www.acinet.org)

Learn about fast growing jobs

[www.stats.bls.gov/home.htm](http://www.stats.bls.gov/home.htm)

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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**