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Scholarships and Financial Aid Available

As the current school year winds down, many traditional and non-traditional students are preparing to continue their education but are concerned about funding for their studies.

There are many local scholarship opportunities available, and state and federal financial aid forms should be filled out and submitted

promptly to ensure that requests for aid are considered. For adult students, the *Educational Opportunity Centers of Southwestern Pennsylvania* will continue to provide workshops and counseling.

The next workshop is scheduled for May 8 at the Armstrong Education Center.



For more information or to register, contact the Trust at (724) 543-2599.



Health Care Worker Recognition Luncheon

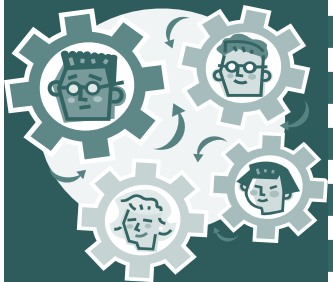
The Armstrong County Health Care Consortium will hold its annual *Health Care Worker Recognition Luncheon* on May 7 at Lenape Heights Golf Course.

Approximately thirty health care workers from

health care organizations throughout the county will be honored.

For more information or to register for the luncheon, contact Grace Thachik at (724) 471-4729 or gthachik@careertrack.org





Workforce Forum Continues

The *Armstrong County Forum for Workforce Excellence* is continuing with a special session for business and industry representatives in May.

At this session, representatives from the industry clusters identified as priorities by the Commonwealth will begin working with the forum steering committee on follow up to recommendations made during the kick-off session held on March 16.

Following the meeting with industry representatives, the steering committee will begin preparing a schedule and budget for the 2007-2008 period to enact the strategy outlined by participants.

For more information on the forum or to make recommendations to the steering committee, contact the Trust at (724) 543-2599 or davidaet@alltel.net.



Manufacturing Consortium Breakfast Event



On May 3, the *Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium* will hold a special breakfast event for prospective and current members.

At the event, the featured speaker Dr. Prashanth Bharadwaj from Indiana University of Pennsylvania

will make a presentation on Lean Manufacturing.

For more information on the event or the consortium, please contact Armstrong Educational Trust at (724) 543-2599 or davidaet@alltel.net.

Technology Consortium After Hours Event

The *Tri-County Technology Consortium* will hold a business after hours event on May 31 at the **PA CareerLink Armstrong County** in conjunction with the Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce.

The event will introduce the consortium to other interested technology and communication services firms in the county as well as firms with technology departments or divisions.

For more information, please contact the Trust at (724) 543-2599 or davidaet@alltel.net.





Gannon University M. ED. Open House



Gannon University will host an open house for prospective students in the *M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction* on May 2 at the Armstrong Education Center.

Teachers and school staff are invited to learn more about the program.

For more information or to register, contact the Trust at (724) 543-2599.

Performance Learning Systems Course Coming Soon



Reading to Learn: Comprehensive Instruction will be offered on two weekends beginning May 18 at the Armstrong Education Center.

The course is designed to help teachers discover the best ways

to help students construct meaning from what they read.

For more information or to register, contact PLS at toll-free: **866-PLS-CLAS (866-757-2527)** or info@plsweb.com.

Small Business Assistance Available



The **Small Business Development Center** from Clarion University helps individuals who are thinking of going into business by offering a free workshop: **First Step: Starting a Small Business.**

These workshops are designed to give a head start to new businesses by covering guidelines on how to finance the business, what to consider before starting,

information needed to start, and the importance of a business plan. These workshops are offered monthly at the Armstrong Education Center.

The next First Step workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8 at 9:00 AM.

For more information, contact the SBDC at **1-877-292-1843** or the Trust at **724-543-2599**.



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The Armstrong Educational Trust brings post-secondary education and training opportunities to Armstrong County and surrounding areas.

To accomplish this we:

- Survey education and training needs.
- Convene educational providers to identify programs that meet those needs.
- Provide instructional facilities and a computer lab.
- Provide financial aid and career counseling to adults.
- Market provider program offerings.