



# JUMP-START YOUR FUTURE

2020-21





## OUR VISION

The Whitko Career Academy is committed to offering a project-based education, dual credit opportunities, and hands-on, real-world experiences for students to prepare them for the ever changing workforce.

## OUR MISSION

The Whitko Career Academy strives to create opportunities for project-based learning applicable to real-world professional skills through various challenging and inclusive hands-on training, while using skill based standards. In partnership with families, community leaders, and local businesses, Whitko Career Academy will provide students with meaningful opportunities in classrooms and off-site experiences that help them develop the knowledge, critical thinking skills, and character to succeed in a technologically advanced world.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



As a newly opened premier facility, Whitko Career Academy continues to grow and evolve. WCA is creating safe spaces to give direction and leadership in a way that inspires students to achieve their best results, grow and prepare for life after high school.

future. With life experiences for students that earn them top paying jobs, funnel top talent back into the communities where they live, and raise the income level of community households, there is a level of excitement that is tangible for everyone.

*“Collaboration, cutting edge, top tier, innovative, etc... these are all words that continue to describe Whitko Community Schools.”*

Each day, our staff and students work in hands-on environments that generate the natural benefits of relationship building, strategy, and trust. Student input into the program experience is instantaneous and the opportunity to succeed or fail in a safe space is what learning is all about. I am proud of our teams and their abilities to lead by example in front of a student audience each day. Our realistic results are an investment in the

Collaboration, cutting edge, top tier, innovative, etc...these are all words that continue to describe Whitko Community Schools. The measure of our success has been found in our ability to embrace a lifelong discipline of continuously learning new skills, new trades, and bringing new opportunities to all willing to join us.

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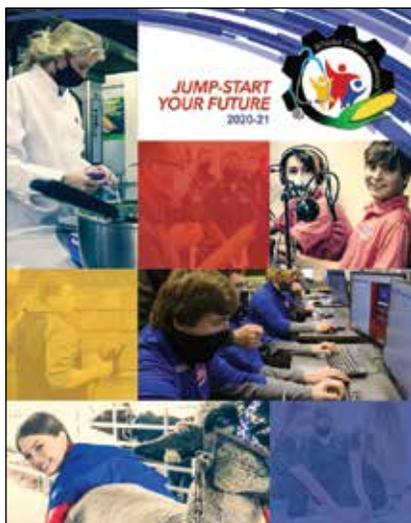
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ON THE COVER

A collage of photos with current students representing several of the career focus opportunities available at WCA.



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*Two Health Sciences Labs include multiple bedside care areas, mannequins, and equipment for simulating patient care.*

*Separate labs consist of a Plasma Cutting Lab, Engineering Lab, and Welding Lab.*

*The Machine & Manufacturing area include a Machine & Manufacturing Lab with state-of-the-art CNC machinery, separate entrance lobby and courtyard, Light Industrial Technology Lab, Robotics Lab, and Tool Crib.*



The 1,800 sq.ft. greenhouse area is setup with an aquaponic system and pools for growing fish and shrimp.

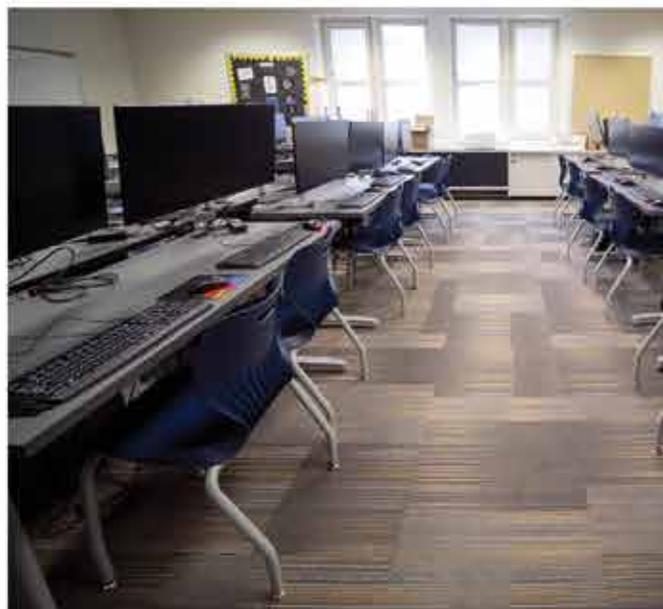
An 8,500 sq.ft. Ag Barn is complete with a livestock area and show ring.

Located on a 110 acre campus near Larwill, Indiana, Whitko Career Academy is conveniently located on State Road 5 just off of the US 30 corridor between Warsaw and Columbia City.





>>  
*The Machine & Manufacturing  
Lab nearing completion.*



# A MODERN Transformation

A 15 month turnaround from concept to completion is no small task for many building projects, let alone creating a career academy. But thanks to lead funding partner 80/20 Foundation Trust, as well as many other donors and businesses, the vision of Whitko Career Academy became a reality for the 2020-21 school year.

This exciting transformation is in part due to working relationships with the creatives at Blue River Digital (Columbia City, IN) who led the way in interior and exterior space design, graphics, and signage.

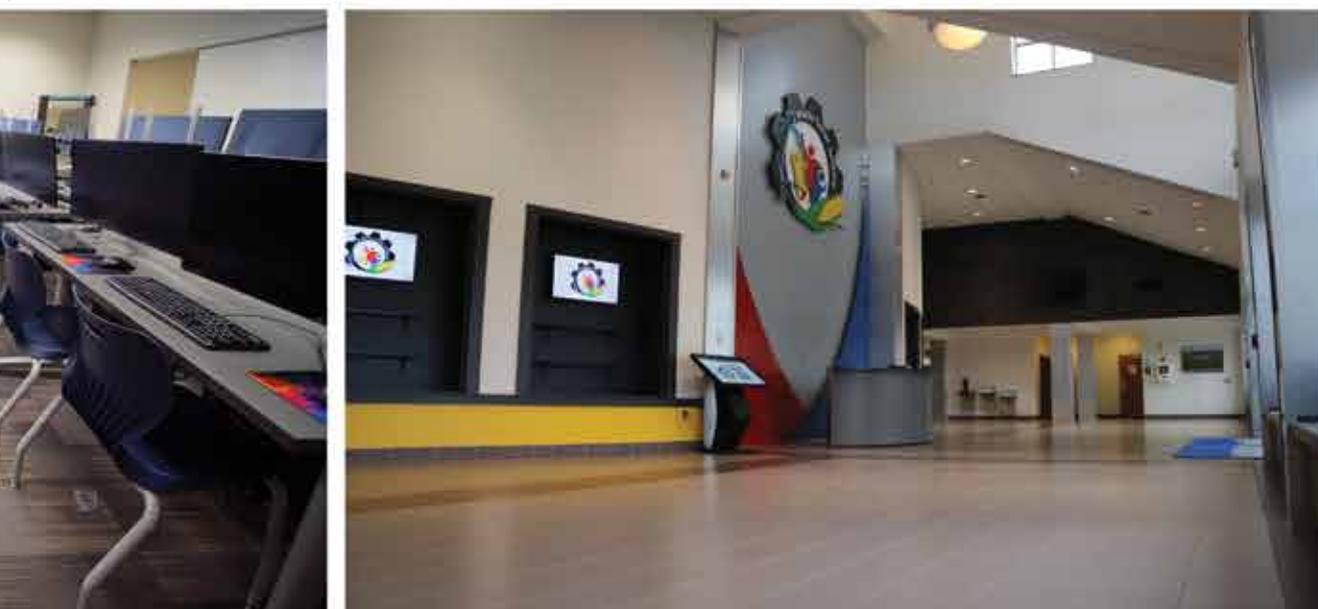
The professionals at MKS (Michael Kinder & Sons, Fort Wayne, IN) completed the site work and structural changes throughout the building.

Whitko Career Academy is truly a tremendous asset to the community. You are invited to contact WCA to set up a tour if you are interested in seeing this state-of-the-art training facility in person.

*Welcome to the new Whitko Career Academy!*



^ Machine & Manufacturing Lab during construction.



<< Updated commons area, engineering classroom, and main entrance.

Through the good work of the 80/20 Foundation Trust, the late Don Wood's vision of growing and transforming the manufacturing sector in NE Indiana continues at Whitko Career Academy.



# 80/20 Foundation Trust, Investing in the Future

One year after an initial investment of \$400,000 in 2019 to begin Whitko Career Academy, the 80/20 Foundation Trust, led by John Wood and the Board of Directors, decided unanimously to invest an additional \$2.4 million in the future of manufacturing.

Whitko Community Schools has used the grant funding for renovations to the Larwill campus and investments in technology that has propelled the career academy toward success in courses focused in engineering and skilled trades.

“Through the Engineering program, students learn to use the most up-to-date CAD, 3D modeling software and equipment to learn fundamental drafting, geometric constructions, ANSI standards, residential design and site work. Students will be prepared for career paths as engineers, architects, and interior designers.” Director of Whitko Career Academy, Joe Luce, continued, “Skilled Trades students will learn numerous aspects of construction through hands-on completion of different building projects. Students will be preparing for careers

in carpentry, masonry, and cost estimating, with a cross over into advanced manufacturing, engineering and automation.”



## 80/20 FOUNDATION TRUST

The 80/20 Foundation Trust was born from the legacy of Don Wood, 80/20 Inc. co-founder, along with his sons: John Wood and Doug Wood. The foundation aims to fill the pipeline for skilled workers in the manufacturing industry, as well as to foster leadership, sales, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The foundation trust started in the fall of 2017 and received its nonprofit status in summer 2018. The 80/20 Foundation Trust is led by John Wood, who sits as Chairman of the Board and Laura Macknick, inaugural Executive Director. While it shares its namesake with 80/20 Inc., funding for the 80/20 Foundation Trust comes directly from the Don Wood

Estate, and plans are underway to update the foundation name to further clarify that distinction.

John Wood, Board Chair for the 80/20 Foundation Trust, and a machinist himself, has spent his entire career in manufacturing and is passionate about all things mechanical. “We’re happy to provide this funding to retrofit the Larwill building and to purchase new equipment that will be necessary for the success of the Whitko Career Academy,” said Wood.

### GRANT FUNDING USE

As for the funding, potentially the largest grant given and received inside of Whitley County; funds were primarily dispersed across investments in technology and building renovations at the Whitko Larwill campus. Expenses of the project included nearly \$1 million in machine and welding equipment and tools inclusive of six CNC mill lathes, three CNC 3D printers, nine manual/CNC lathes, engineering computers, one screen touch boards, tool storage, welding booths, plasma table, chop saws, six Lincoln Welders, silver solder torches and fume extractors, and a welding fixture table.

WCA necessary teaching staff and support received \$300,000 to fund positions in agriculture, health science, cosmetology, precision machining, education professions, construction, engineering, and criminal justice instructors as well as a tool room supervisor, work based learning specialist, and an administrative assistant for WCA.

Meanwhile, another \$1 million of the grant was directed toward site renovations including an Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory and entrance lobby to the AML, AML tool crib, and Engineering Laboratory, Welding Lab, Fabrication Lab, and corridor upgrades which included the removal of the existing carpets and installation of epoxy flooring. Additional minimal exterior upgrades such as stone access routes for deliveries, was also used by this portion of the grant.

### A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

“We know there are a lot of career paths, and a 4-year degree is appropriate for some students, but for others, they can earn a strong living wage right her in Whitley County. The Board’s desire is to promote the Whitley County economy through this grant and cultivate our own talent within the community building a stronger skilled workforce,” shared Laura Macknick, the executive director for the 80/20 Foundation Trust.

Asked to comment on the partnership between Whitko Community Schools and the 80/20 Foundation Trust, Dr. Brandon Penrod said, “Our gratitude toward the 80/20 Foundation Trust cannot be overstated. Especially with this most recent grant, we consider ourselves very fortunate to have a partner who can support our school at this level. We are witnessing excitement from our Whitko families for the future of their children because of this investment in the career academy. It’s an incredible gift we’ve been given, and we believe it is providing momentum for students well beyond their years at Whitko as they move into careers and vocations right her in their local communities.”

Whitko Career Academy and Whitko Community Schools began their first day of the school year on August 13, 2020. ●



*John Wood, 80/20 Foundation Trust Board Chairman, addresses the attendees of the WCA ribbon cutting ceremony held on October 10, 2020. WCA Consultant Matt Dahms, WCA Director Joe Luce, and Whitko FFA members look on.*

Engineering students bring their concepts to reality using a laser engraver in their Computer Integrated Manufacturing class.





# COURSE DIRECTORY

WCA students will take a concentrated sequence of courses in a chosen career field in order to give them a jump-start on their future. Students will benefit from hands-on, real-world learning experiences while meeting and learning from mentors in the workforce. Additional benefits include opportunities to earn college credit while in high school, the option to work during school hours, and the ability to gain experience that will attract future employers.



# JR High Experience



*Instructor Ashley Roberts works with student Lucas Wagner in her Preparing for College & Careers class.*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The JR High Experience is for all eighth grade students and offers class rotations of Intro to Agriculture and Preparing for College & Careers.

**COURSES INCLUDE:**

Middle Level Exploring Agriculture, Middle Level Exploring College & Careers, Preparing for College & Careers, and Introduction to Agriculture

**INSTRUCTORS:**

Roger Carr, Chad Dahms, Matt Dice, Heather Millett, Phil Jensen, Jade Hollenbaugh, Ashley Roberts, and Kelley Sheiss

Veterinarian Dr. Ryan Rothenbuhler visited WCA to demonstrate how to pregnancy test sheep by ultrasound for the Intro to Agriculture classes.





# Academies for Freshmen

## DESCRIPTION:

WCA allows ninth grade students to choose one of the following academies: Agriculture, Engineering, Public Service, or Skilled Trades.

## COURSES INCLUDE:

**Agriculture Academy:** Principles of Agriculture, Animal Science, Food Science, and Plant Science

**Engineering Academy:** Principles of Engineering and Introduction to Engineering/Design PLTW

**Public Service Academy:** Human Development & Wellness, Advanced Child Development, Advanced Nutrition & Wellness, and Introduction to Business

**Skills Trades Academy:** Introduction to Manufacturing, Introduction to Advanced Manufacturing & Logistics, Introduction to Construction, and Introduction to Business

## INSTRUCTORS:

Matt Dice, Mallery Pierce, Justin Jordan, Derek Sorg, Jay Ocken, and Brent Messmore



*Agriculture instructor Kelley Sheiss discusses the proper care of livestock with her ninth grade Animal Science & Natural Resources class during a hands-on learning experience in the Ag Barn.*

Freshman students practice basic techniques in their Skilled Trades courses.





# The Blue Team



*Ward Lamon, Whitko Schools Director of Special Services, has played an integral part in integrating the Blue Team to the career academy.*

## **BLUE TEAM:**

Through their instruction at Whitko Career Academy, students on the Blue Team are able to pursue their interests while learning employable skills to prepare to enter the work force. Courses in which the Blue Team currently participate include Intro to Construction, Intro to Manufacturing, and Culinary Arts.

The Blue Team also performs valuable tasks around the career academy on a daily basis. After arriving at the academy, the students change in to their Blue Team shirts and check-in at the reception desk to receive their schedule for the day. Tasks vary throughout the week and may include assisting Culinary Arts students by cleaning and preparing fresh vegetables, helping the Janitorial Team with bus sanitization and the Whitko Recycling Program, or providing care for the fish tank.

The Blue Team has been able to continue with their Community Based Learning instruction this year since they are able to remain on Whitko's campus while participating.

Future plans include expanding the course offerings for the Blue Team, while creating

additional opportunities to the students in the Ag Barn and greenhouse. The Blue Team not only provides valuable work at the career academy, they are also building their own independence and self-reliance.

## **INSTRUCTOR & ASSISTANTS:**

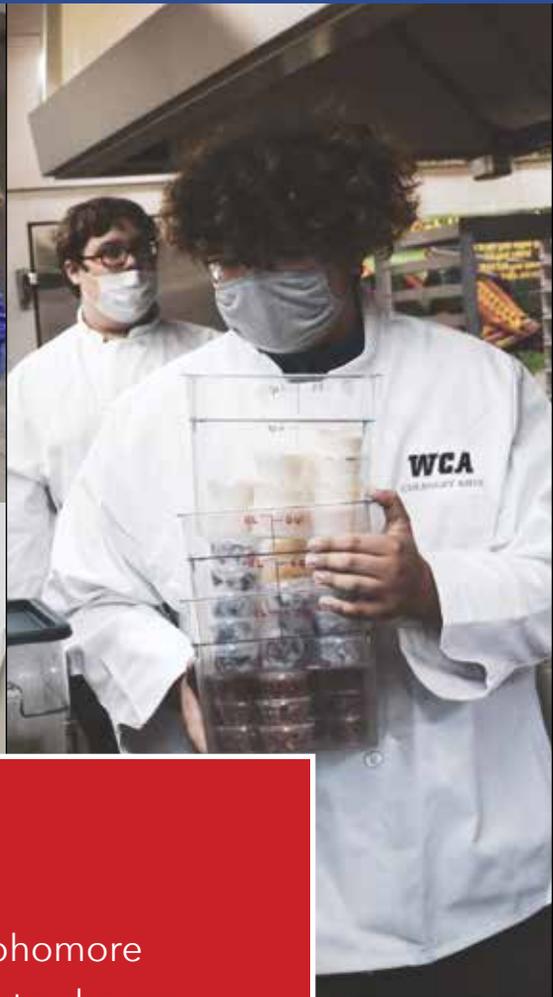
Students on the Blue Team are led by Applied Skills Instructor Byron Osborn, and assisted throughout the day by Patti Leppek and Shanna Webb.



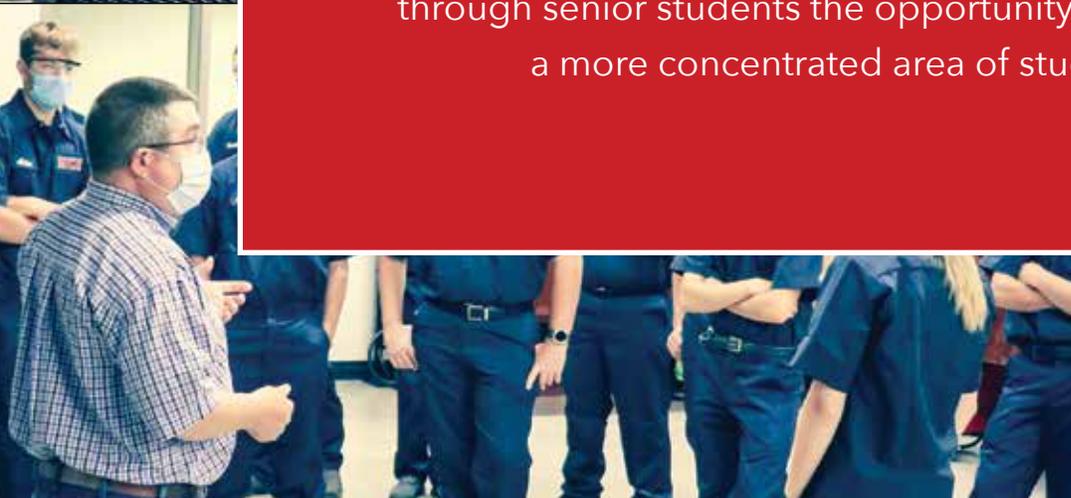
Each member of the Blue Team built a bird house under the instruction of Construction Trades teachers Brent Messmore and Bryan Wilburn. Blue Team aids Patti Leppek (pictured) and Shanna Webb assist the Blue Team throughout the day.



The Blue Team assists WCA with the recycling program on a weekly basis.



CAREER FOCUS classes offer sophomore through senior students the opportunity to choose a more concentrated area of study.



**ADVANCED MANUFACTURING:**

Students learn to shape and form metal using the most current tool and die making equipment available. This project based curriculum will include experiences using lathes, mills, drill presses, saws, grinders, and CNC.

**COURSES INCLUDE:**

Introduction to Manufacturing, and Introduction to Advanced Manufacturing & Logistics

**INSTRUCTOR:**

Chad Dahms

**CAREERS:**

Machinist, Tool and Die Maker, CNC Programmer



# Advanced Manufacturing



# Agriculture



## **ANIMAL SCIENCE:**

This program applies the core sciences of biology and chemistry to the study of animal reproduction and genetics, nutrition, anatomy and physiology and animal behavior and husbandry. In this program, students are immersed in all aspects of care for large animals (cows, horses, sheep and pigs), as well as companion and laboratory animals. Instruction occurs not only in the classroom, but in the fields, lab and Ag Barn, where feeding, grooming, handling and cleaning up after animals are all regular activities.

## **COURSES INCLUDE:**

Animal Science and Advanced Life Science Animals

## **CAREERS:**

Veterinarian, Farmer, Wildlife Conservation, Government Jobs



*Feeding, grooming, handling, and cleaning up after livestock are all regular opportunities for hands-on learning in the Ag Barn.*



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*Food science classes experiment with different types of lipids and their characteristics.*

## FOOD SCIENCE:

Students in this program will start by gaining an understanding of what food is by identifying the biological and chemical compounds that make foods look the way they do, taste the way they do, and react the way they do when people prepare or process them in various ways. Students will also study the marketing, packaging, and labeling that goes into making foods healthier, tastier and safer for consumers, as well as the political and cultural forces which are at work behind the food choices we all make every day.

## COURSES INCLUDE:

Food Science, Advanced Life Science Foods, and Crop Management

## CAREERS:

Food Quality & Microbiology, Food Engineering, Product Development, Food Chemistry, Food Marketing & Sales

## PLANT SCIENCE:

The bases of the program are botany, biology, chemistry, and soil science. With these “building blocks” students study ornamental plants, foods, and other useful plants, and flower production - how they grow and how to keep them pest and disease free. This program places great value on hands-on practice, so students should expect to get a little dirty, designing and installing landscape and garden features, managing the greenhouses and helping out with the campus farm and composting operations. Involvement in horticulture also allows for quite a bit of creativity, because bringing beautiful designs to life requires both scientific and artistic understanding.

## COURSES INCLUDE:

Plant Science, Advanced Life Science Plants & Soils, Horticulture Science, Greenhouse and Soilless Production, and Landscape and Turf Management

## CAREERS:

Agronomist, Landscape Scientist, Environmental Scientist, Crop Consultant, Golf Course Superintendent

## POWER & STRUCTURE:

## COURSES INCLUDE:

Agribusiness, Precision Agriculture, Agriculture Power Structures & Technology, and Agriculture Structures Fabrication & Design

## INSTRUCTORS:

Roger Carr, Matt Dice, Heather Millett, and Kelley Sheiss

*The 8,500 sq.ft. Ag Barn is complete with a livestock area and show ring.*





# Business Education & Marketing

## **BUSINESS EDUCATION & MARKETING:**

Small businesses drive the American economy. In our Business Education & Marketing program, students learn what it takes to run a small business and give substance to the entrepreneurial spirit. Students will study all aspects of business management and marketing and will learn how to ethically manage a business. A special focus will be placed on marketing Whitko Career Academy as well as tackling the everyday operations of the WCA school store.

## **COURSES INCLUDE:**

Principles of Business, Business Administration Fundamentals, Accounting Fundamentals, Marketing Fundamentals, Strategic Marketing, Digital Marketing, Business Administration Capstone, Business Management Capstone, and Work-Based Learning

## **INSTRUCTOR:**

Sandy Benedict

## **CAREERS:**

Bank Teller, Customer Service Agent, Sales Associate, Advertising Sales Agent, Personnel Manager, Real Estate, Marketing Manager, Public Relations Specialist, Sales Manager



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### CONSTRUCTION TRADES:

Students learn numerous aspects of construction by completing different building projects. Students complete hands-on and classroom instruction in estimating, layout, footing/foundation, platform construction, framing, roofing, siding, window/door installation, electrical HVAC, stair building, and interior finish.

### COURSES INCLUDE:

Principles of Construction Trades, Principles of HVAC, Principles of Plumbing, Construction Trades General Carpentry, HVAC Fundamentals, Plumbing Fundamentals, Electrical Fundamentals, CT Framing Capstone, HVAC Service Capstone, Advanced Plumbing Capstone, and Electrical Capstone

### INSTRUCTOR:

Brent Messmore

### CAREERS:

Framing/Trim Carpenter, Mason, Cost Estimator



*Construction Trades instructor Brent Messmore meets with students in class to go over project details.*



# Construction Trades



# Cosmetology

## **COSMETOLOGY:**

Students learn how to cut and style hair, do permanent waves, color hair, and complete many other hair related tasks. In addition, students learn how to give facials, pedicures, manicures, and nail replacements. Students will be prepared for the Indiana Cosmetology licensing examination.

## **COURSES INCLUDE:**

Cosmetology I and Cosmetology II

## **INSTRUCTOR:**

Denise Hearld

## **CAREERS:**

Cosmetologist, Nail Tech, Make-up Artist





**CRIMINAL JUSTICE:**

Criminal Justice is a program for students interested in careers in law enforcement, investigations, security, corrections, courts, law, social work and counseling, or other related fields. Students participate in mock trials, crime scene investigations, accident investigations, crime scene sketching, budget development, police reports, educational field trips, and community service projects. The curriculum is presented through classroom instruction, computer-based learning, and hands-on related activities and labs.

**COURSES INCLUDE:**

Principles of Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement & Cultural Awareness, Courts & Corrections, and Criminal Justice Capstone

**INSTRUCTOR:**

Justin Faw

**CAREERS:**

Prison Warden, Homicide Detective, Forensic Psychologist, Police Detective



# Criminal Justice



# Culinary Arts



## CULINARY ARTS:

In this highly active program, students complete the basic disciplines of culinary, food and beverage, and baking. Students will perform practical experiences by operating the Whitko Café as they prepare to become a chef.

## COURSES INCLUDE:

Principles of Hospitality, Food Theory & Nutrition, Culinary Arts, and Culinary Arts Capstone

## INSTRUCTOR:

Mallery Pierce

## CAREERS:

Chef, Caterer, Food Manager



*Culinary Arts students prepare made-to-order box lunches.*

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:**

The Early Childhood Education program teaches you the skills, science, and art of doing what you love.

The first five years of a child's development is a time of the most growth and change, and child care professionals are a key part of development for many kids. For students who love caring for and educating kids, or who want to pursue a career working with kids through their early years, the Early Childhood Education program gives students the education and training for this important and family-focused field. Under the guidance and supervision of professional child care staff, students learn safety, behavior and play activities, plus the science behind growth, development, relationships, and nutrition.

**COURSES INCLUDE:**

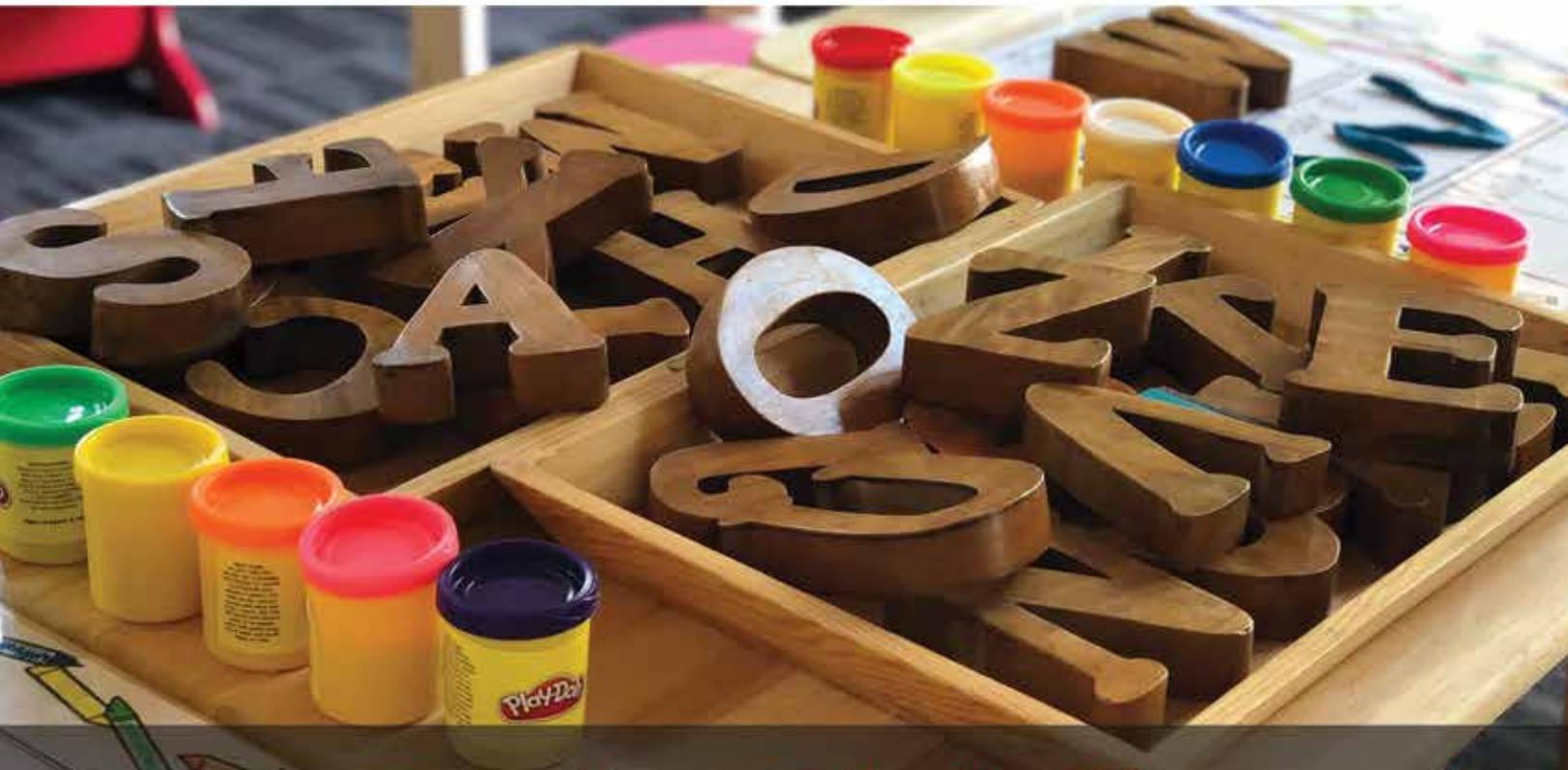
Principles of Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Education Curriculum, Early Childhood Education Guidance, and Early Childhood Capstone

**INSTRUCTOR:**

Angie Irwin

**CAREERS:**

Preschool Teacher, Childcare Center Director, Home-Based Service Provider, Family Support Specialist



# Early Childhood Education



# Education Professions

## EDUCATION PROFESSIONS:

The Education Professions program is designed to prepare students for employment and/or postsecondary opportunities in the education field. The program provides instruction in education career choices, education structure and systems, theory, pedagogy, developmental stages, learning styles and methodology. The program also provides interactive classroom experiences with students at different age levels, in a variety of content areas in educational environments.

## COURSES INCLUDE:

Principles of Teaching, Child and Adolescent Development, The Exceptional Child, and Education Profession Capstone

## INSTRUCTOR:

Angie Irwin

## CAREERS:

Teacher, Administrator





*Engineering & Design students work on their current project. Photo provided by WCA marketing class.*

**ENGINEERING & DESIGN/PLTW:**

Students will learn to use the most current computer aided design (CAD), 3D modeling software and equipment to learn fundamental drafting, geometric constructions, ANSI standards, and residential design and site work.

**COURSES INCLUDE:**

Principles of Engineering, Digital Electronics, Civil Engineering & Architecture, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Environmental Sustainability, Engineering Design Development, Engineering, and Work-Based Learning

**INSTRUCTOR:**

Derrek Sorg

**CAREERS:**

Architect, Engineer, Interior Designer



# Engineering & Design/PLTW





# First Responders

## **FIRST RESPONDERS:**

First Responders in Emergency Medical Care is the first medically trained person to arrive on the scene of an emergency. Students learn the initial care you give as an EMR is essential because it is provided before more advanced emergency medical care and could mean the difference between life and death. The topics covered include a minimum knowledge of Emergency Medical Systems, safety/well-being of the EMR, and medical/legal issues at the scene of an emergency while waiting for a higher level of care to arrive.

## **COURSES INCLUDE:**

EMS First Responders

## **INSTRUCTOR:**

Justin Faw

## **CAREERS:**

AMR Ambulance Services, Regional Ambulance Services, Local and Regional Hospitals





*Health Science students work together in the Health Sciences Lab.*



### HEALTH SCIENCE:

Students participate in a variety of experiences such as nursing, lab testing, obstetrics, imaging, physical therapy, surgery, medical offices, and extended care. Students will be trained for career related certificates, including the potential to earn a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) certificate, CPR, and First Aid.

### COURSES INCLUDE:

Health Science Education, Medical Terminology, Anatomy and Physiology, Human Body Systems, Introduction to Health Science Careers, Principles of Healthcare, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Tech, Emergency Medical Tech, and Healthcare Specialist Capstone

### INSTRUCTOR:

Tammy Coyle-Walter

### CAREERS:

Nurse, Nursing Assistant, Central Service Tech, X-Ray Tech, and Medical Assistant



# Health Science



# Precision Machining



*Precision Machining student Sean Walls stands in the Advanced Manufacturing Lab (AML).*

## **PRECISION MACHINING:**

Students learn to shape and form metal using the most current tool and die making equipment available. This project based curriculum will include experiences using lathes, mills, drill presses, saws, grinders, and CNC.

## **COURSES INCLUDE:**

Principles of Precision Machining, Machining Fundamentals, Precision Machining, and Precision Machining Capstone

## **INSTRUCTORS:**

Jade Hollenbaugh, Bryan Wilburn, and Chad Dahms

## **CAREERS:**

Machinist, Tool and Die Maker, CNC Programmer





*Students listen intently to instructions in the Advanced Manufacturing and Welding Lab.*

**WELDING TECHNOLOGY:**

Students learn to fabricate and weld metal using shielded metal arc, oxyfuel, MIG, TIG, and plasma arc techniques, and procedures. This program includes classroom and lab experiences that lead students to AWS (American Welding Society) certifications.

**COURSES INCLUDE:**

Principles of Welding Technology, Shielded Metal Arc Welding, Gas Welding Processes, and Welding Capstone

**INSTRUCTOR:**

Jay Ocken

**CAREERS:**

Pipe Fitter, Iron Worker, Steel Fabricator





# CTSO

The United States Department of Education has endorsed Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) as a critical component of an effective Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. It is a requirement of Whitko Career Academy that all CTE programs participate and have an active chapter in the approved CTSOs that best fits their program. All career focus students are members in the CTSO that best represents their chosen area of study.

CTSOs include:



# With all of the opportunities available, you may be wondering, "How will classes at the career academy fit into my schedule?"

- >> Classes at the career academy are designed to fit with all graduation pathways (General Ed, CORE 40, Technical Honors, and Academic Honors).
- >> Career Academy classes will work with required coursework as well as half year and full year electives.
- >> Registration for classes at the career academy is completed at the same time as registration for your required classes and electives.

## PLAN YOUR FOUR YEAR SCHEDULE:

### FRESHMAN: SEMESTER 1 & 2

- > English
- > WCA Freshman Academy Selection
- > WCA Freshman Academy Selection
- > WCA Freshman Academy Selection
- > Math
- > Science
- > Elective
- > Elective

### JUNIOR: SEMESTER 1 & 2

- > English
- > Math
- > Science
- > Social Studies
- > WCA Career Focus or Elective
- > WCA Career Focus or Elective
- > WCA Career Focus or Elective
- > Elective

### SOPHOMORE: SEMESTER 1 & 2

- > English
- > Math
- > Science
- > Social Studies
- > WCA Career Focus or Elective
- > WCA Career Focus or Elective
- > WCA Career Focus or Elective
- > Elective

### SENIOR: SEMESTER 1 & 2

- > English
- > Math
- > Science
- > Social Studies
- > WCA Career Focus or Elective
- > WCA Career Focus or Elective
- > WCA Career Focus or Elective
- > Elective

Scheduling coordinators are available to discuss your options with you throughout the year. Specific classes and class descriptions are available online at [WhitkoCareerAcademy.org](http://WhitkoCareerAcademy.org).



# Earn College Credit in High School

By enrolling in dual credit courses offered at Whitko Career Academy, not only will it save you and your family money, you'll also save yourself time by completing some of your college classes now. The classes you take while in high school can earn you college credits at Ivy Tech Community College.

If a four-year degree is in the future, you can apply your dual credits to Ivy Tech and then transfer to a four-year institution. For those who want a career in two years, those dual credits can give students a head start with Ivy Tech.

Whitko Jr/Sr High School students can take dual credit courses at the career academy, right on campus.



## **DUAL CREDIT COURSES INCLUDE:**

Welding I	Intro to Engineering & Design
Welding II	Digital Electronics
Construction HVAC I	Principles of Engineering
Animal Science	Computer Integrated Manufacturing
Plant & Soil Science	Civil Engineering/Architecture
Natural Resources	Education Professions
Agribusiness Management	Criminal Justice I
Ag Power & Tech	Medical Terminology
Advanced Life Science: Foods	Health Science Education: Nursing

*Information provided by [ivytech.edu](http://ivytech.edu).*

# Whitko Alumni Association



The WHITKO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION has a home at Whitko Career Academy. Memorabilia from days gone by are a part of a rotating display and a newly created Alumni Room. It's a goal of the Whitko Alumni Association to preserve and celebrate Whitko history by sharing their collection of memorabilia from Whitko Jr/Sr High School and Whitko High School as well as the Larwill, Pierceton, Sidney, and South Whitley community schools.

The Whitko Alumni Association can be contacted by email at [whitko.alumni@whitko.org](mailto:whitko.alumni@whitko.org).

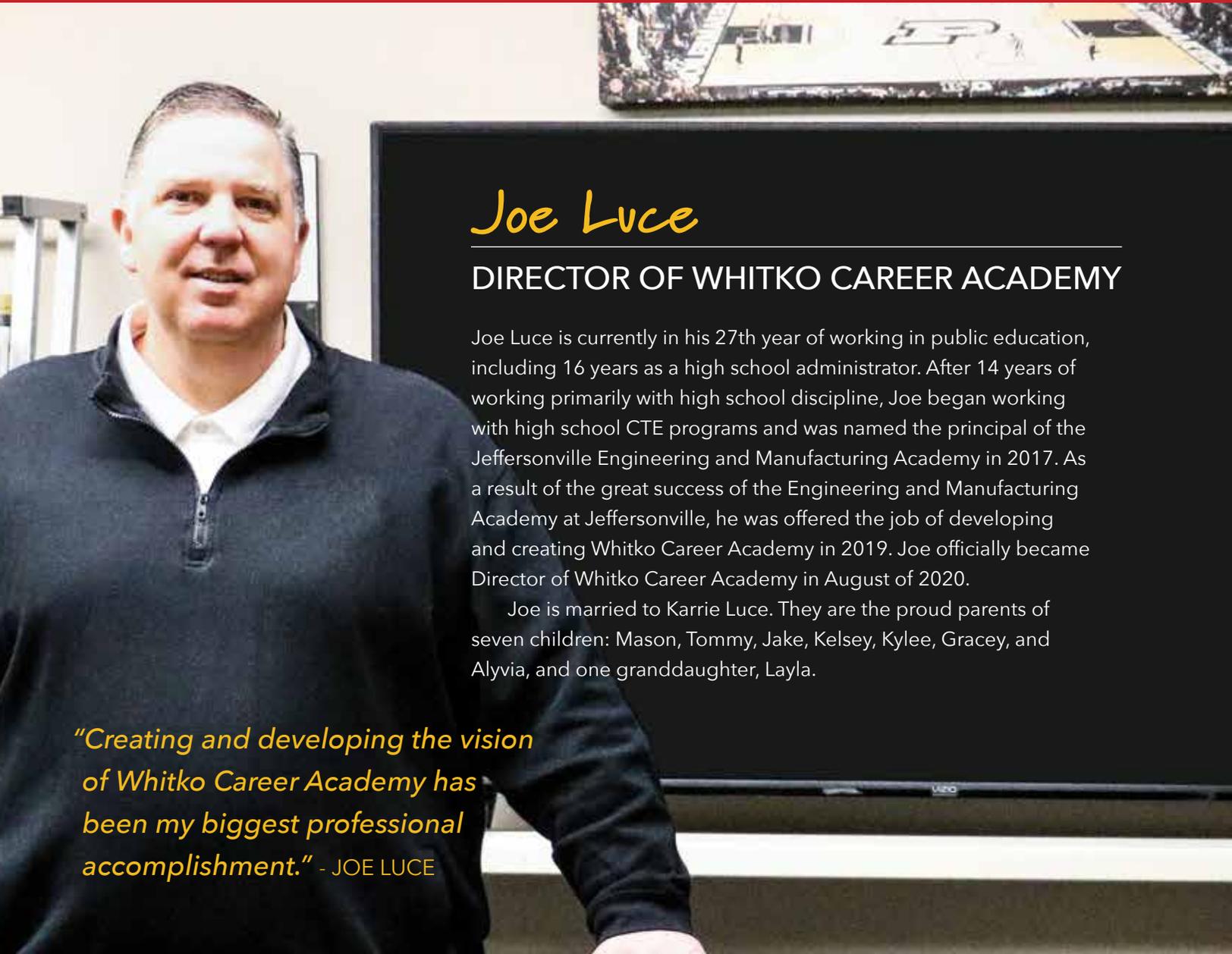


Agriculture instructor Matt Dice assists eighth grade Introduction to Agriculture student Trevor Freel with small engine repair.



# STAFF DIRECTORY

A dedicated set of staff interact daily with enthusiastic students, welcoming them to WCA. The instructors and students work together to create a culture of high expectations in every classroom and throughout the academy.



## Joe Luce

### DIRECTOR OF WHITKO CAREER ACADEMY

Joe Luce is currently in his 27th year of working in public education, including 16 years as a high school administrator. After 14 years of working primarily with high school discipline, Joe began working with high school CTE programs and was named the principal of the Jeffersonville Engineering and Manufacturing Academy in 2017. As a result of the great success of the Engineering and Manufacturing Academy at Jeffersonville, he was offered the job of developing and creating Whitko Career Academy in 2019. Joe officially became Director of Whitko Career Academy in August of 2020.

Joe is married to Karrie Luce. They are the proud parents of seven children: Mason, Tommy, Jake, Kelsey, Kylee, Gracey, and Alyvia, and one granddaughter, Layla.

*"Creating and developing the vision of Whitko Career Academy has been my biggest professional accomplishment."* - JOE LUCE



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#### FAST FACTS:

- 27 years in public education.
- 16 years as a high school administrator.
- Head high school basketball coach for 20 years (Fountain Central HS, Benton Central HS, Marion HS, Richmond HS, and Jeffersonville HS).
- Basketball coaching record of 338-145.
- Recipient of ten total "Coach of the Year Honors".
- Named *2015 USA Today Indiana Coach of the Year*.



**JIM BUMBAUGH**  
Transportation Team  
Director



**MATT DAHMS**  
Consultant



**GAIL ENGELHAUPT**  
Transportation Team



**RAY FISHER**  
Transportation Team



**JOEL FRANK**  
Custodian



**DANNY GERBERS**  
Custodian



**ELI HENSON**  
Special Education



**JOHNATHAN IRWIN**  
Alternative Education  
Aid



**EDITH KLINGAMAN**  
Transportation Team



**TRACY RHODES**  
Special Education Aid/  
Transportation Team



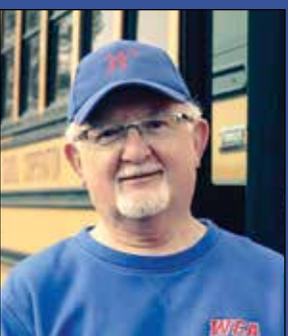
**RON RIDER**  
Custodian



**DEB SHOEMAKER**  
Transportation Team



**GRACEY SLINKER**  
Receptionist



**DAVE WILSON**  
Transportation Team



**KARLA YEAGER**  
Administrative Assistant



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#### FAST FACTS:

- Serves as the Head Boys Basketball Coach at Whitko Jr/Sr High School.
- His coaching career includes 34 years of experience with 28 years as a head coach. Benedict's career record is 412 wins – 239 losses.
- He has won 8 Conference Titles, 8 Sectional, 3 Regional and 1 Semi-State Championships with a State Runner-up in 2004.
- Was named District Coach of the Year in 2003 and 2004 by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. He was also named the Indiana All-Star Coach in 2005 and the Indiana Junior All-Star Coach in 2003.
- Has served 12 years in leadership positions in the IBCA as District-Rep, Vice President, President, and Past President.

## Chris Benedict

### DIRECTOR OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION & CORPORATION SCHEDULING COORDINATOR

Chris Benedict is in his first year as the Director of Alternative Education for Whitko Community Schools. His duties also include Scheduling Coordinator for WCA and Whitko Jr/Sr High School. Mr. Benedict earned his bachelor's degree from Ball State University in Mathematics Education. He later obtained his master's degree in Secondary Administration from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. Mr. Benedict has 31 years of educational experience. His career as a mathematics educator ranges from teaching courses at all middle and high school grade levels at the following schools: Hamilton Southeastern, Wapahani, Columbia City, Valparaiso, and Bluffton. The last four years Mr. Benedict served as the Assistant Principal at Bluffton-Harrison Middle School.

*"I am excited about the opportunities Whitko Community School Corporation provides for its students. The commitment to meet the needs of all students is evident in the collaborative effort by the school board, administration, teachers, staff, and community. It is an exciting time to be a Whitko Wildcat!" - CHRIS BENEDICT*



## Sandy Benedict

WORK BASED LEARNING SPECIALIST &  
WCA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

*"I am excited to help lead and educate students into rewarding careers for a lifetime. I enjoy being able to show these students what careers and opportunities are waiting for them when they graduate and guiding them into a direction they are interested in and steps to pursuing post secondary education."* - SANDY BENEDICT



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### FAST FACTS:

- Instructs Introduction to Business, Principles of Business Management, Principles of Marketing, Marketing Strategy, and Merchandising.
- Leads the WCA chapter of Business Professionals of America.
- Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, Business Teaching License, Masters Degree in Business Education, and Vocational Endorsement from Ball State University.
- 28 years of teaching Business Education.
- Junior Achievement Board Member.



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#### FAST FACTS:

- 2018 "Distinguished FFA Service Award" National FFA Convention.
- 2017 "Outstanding Indiana Agriculture Teacher" IAAE, voted by Indiana Ag Teachers.
- 2015 Honorary FFA Chapter Degree at National FFA Convention.
- 2014 Presenter at National Ag Teacher Conference in Nashville, TN.
- 2013 President of Indiana Agriculture Teacher Association.
- 2012 Presenter at National Ag Teacher Conference in Atlanta, GA.
- 2011-2013 AGR Advisor at Delta Chapter at Purdue University.
- Helped guide Clinton Central High School to a National Winning "Model of Innovation" at the 2010 National FFA Convention.
- 2003 Walmart Teacher of the Year.
- 2003 Outstanding Indiana FFA Chapter (Whitko) awarded by IAAE.
- 1997 Awarded #1 Ranked FFA Chapter (Whitko).
- 1994 Recipient, (first ever) Whitley County Service Award.
- 1992-Present - Superintendent of Stockman Livestock Judging Contest.

## Roger Carr

### AGRICULTURE

Roger Carr is a graduate of Black Hawk East College, from where he received the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2002, and Southern Illinois University. He taught five years at Atkinson, Illinois, fifteen years at Whitko, and sixteen years at Clinton Central in Michigantown, Indiana, before returning to Whitko in 2020.

*"I'm a passionate person that thinks 'outside the box'. My goal is to lead students to dream larger than most would dream, work harder than others would work and expect more from themselves than others would expect. My ultimate goal is to have a student be asked twenty years from now, 'what five people have made the greatest impact in your life?' and I would be on that list." - ROGER CARR*



# Tammy Coyle-Walter

## HEALTH SCIENCE

After starting her background in healthcare at the age of 14 as a volunteer at Huntington Nursing Home, Tammy Coyle-Walter then worked as a CNA and dental chairside assistant through high school and college. Healthcare has blessed Tammy with many roles over the past 36 years from the bedside, education, marketing, physician offices, hospitals, surgical centers and the most recent position as the Transplant Administrator at Lutheran Hospital.

Tammy is married to Randall Walter who is a former Wildcat. They have six amazing children Kolton (wife Brittney), Payton (fiancé Clarissa), Paige, Haylee, Presley, and Ella. They also have four perfect grandchildren Adam, Reagan, Aubree, and Insley. One of her sons is an engineer and the other does machine maintenance. Her daughter-in-law and soon to be daughter-in-law are both hairstylists. Tammy's oldest daughter is in the Air Force and the youngest is in middle school. Her two middle daughters are both in healthcare programs at Texas Tech. When Tammy looks at the opportunities WCA could have given her children and the money that could have been saved in college hours it gives her even more drive to see these programs succeed!

*"I adore kids and young adults! I have an unbelievable passion for healthcare and taking care of others. If you put that together you can only imagine my excitement to be a part of this amazing program. I am beyond honored to be making a difference through WCA with our students by giving them opportunities they wouldn't have and growth within the community. I believe in my heart that this program can grow past any expectations that were set."*

- TAMMY COYLE-WALTER



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### FAST FACTS:

- Instructs Health Science Education, Medical Terminology, Anatomy and Physiology, and Human Body Systems.
- Leads the WCA chapter of HOSA Future Health Professionals.
- SODA Teacher sponsor for a new organization being started with Whitko students and American Heart Association CPR & First Aid Instructor.
- Volunteers with the American Heart Association, National Kidney Foundation, and Humane Society of Whitley County.
- Member of Natco, Health Science Educators Association, and American Transplant Society.
- Indiana Department of Education: State of Indiana Workplace Specialist License.
- OTTR Healthcare Leadership Award - 2019.
- Interim HealthCare of Houston Employee of the Year - 1992.



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#### FAST FACTS:

- Teaches Intro to Engineering Design.
- Tool room supervisor.
- Born and raised in Columbia City, IN. He has lived in Warsaw for 12 years and counting with his wife Jennifer. They have two beautiful girls Kaylynn (8) and Haylee (6).
- Enjoys the outdoors and going camping on the weekends with his family.

## Chad Dahms

ENGINEERING & DESIGN/  
TOOL ROOM SUPERVISOR

*"I started my CNC machining background when I was 13 years old and have been working in this industry my whole adult life. I started on manual machines and worked my way up through the years to CNC Mills, CNC Lathes, to programming parts and designing parts and fixtures." - CHAD DAHMS*



# Matt Dice

## AGRICULTURE

Matt Dice has been fortunate to have coached many teams in the FFA organization, including: 21 State AgriScience Champions, 18 State Leadership Champions, 15 State Champions – FFA Career Development Events, 10 Top 5 Finishes in National Livestock Contests, 9 State Stars Over Indiana, 7 Top Ten Finishes at National FFA Convention, 6 Top Ten Indiana FFA Chapter, 4 National Three Star FFA Chapter Rating, 2 National Proficiency Winners, and 2 National AgriScience Star Finalist.

Additional highlights include: 2017 - 10th Overall National FFA Food Science, 2011 - 10th Overall National FFA Food Science, 2010 - 8th Overall National FFA Ag Sales Contest, 2009 - 7th Overall National FFA Food Science, 2009 - 4th Overall National FFA Livestock, 2008 - 8th Overall National FFA Food Science, and 2006 - 4th Overall National FFA Food Science.

*“I am excited about the opportunity to lead a group into the national spotlight in the agriculture industry and FFA organization. I am also excited about new research opportunities to teach youth and potential community partnerships in these activities.” - MATT DICE*



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### FAST FACTS:

- Teaches Introduction To Agriculture, Plant & Soil Science, Natural Resources, Advanced Life Science: Foods, and Agriculture Mechanics.
- Whitko FFA Advisor.
- 2019 Indiana State 4-H/FFA Agriculture Judging Board.
- 2019 Indiana 4-H Scholarship Committee.
- Master's Degree in Youth Development & Agriculture Education from Purdue University.



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#### FAST FACTS:

- Instructs Criminal Justice and EMS First Responders Class.
- Bachelor's Degree from Huntington University in Physical Education, Master's Degree from Capella University in Public Safety Administration Criminal Justice, and a Graduate of the FBI National Academy through the University of Virginia.
- Certified Indiana Law Enforcement Academy Instructor.
- An adjunct professor at Ivy Tech Community College since 2012.

## Justin Faw

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE/FIRST RESPONDERS

A retired police officer after spending 21 years at the Marion Police Department and two years as the Huntington University Police Chief, Justin Faw joined Whitko Career Academy. As a police officer he spent the majority of his time in the Criminal Investigations Division investigating major felony cases. Justin was a member of the SWAT Team and is a Certified Crime Scene Investigator for the State of Indiana. He continues to keep his Indiana Law Enforcement Academy Instructor Certification and teaches at the Academy yearly to new police officers in the State of Indiana in the area of Emergency Vehicle Operations.

*"I enjoy teaching students that want to learn what it is like in the real world and speaking about a career that they feel drawn to at their age. It's fun to watch students be engaged during a class that they truly care about as they choose the field of study on which they want to concentrate."* - JUSTIN FAW



# Denise Hearld

## COSMETOLOGY/HUMAN SOCIAL SERVICES

*"I am honored to be able to bring a cosmetology program to our community and provide our local youth with the opportunity to gain licensure."*

- DENISE HEARLD



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### FAST FACTS:

- Instructs Cosmetology and Human Social Services.
- Graduate of Columbia City High School and Ravenscroft Cosmetology.
- 30 years as a professionally licensed cosmetologist with continuing education.
- Salon owner for 10+ years.
- Involved with and served on the board of Camp Whitley for several years.
- Supports community scholarships and charities.
- Encourages, promotes, and helps many friends and neighbors in their pursuits of small business.
- Proud mother of three, plus three bonus children. Has a supportive husband and family, most of whom are located in the area.



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#### FAST FACTS:

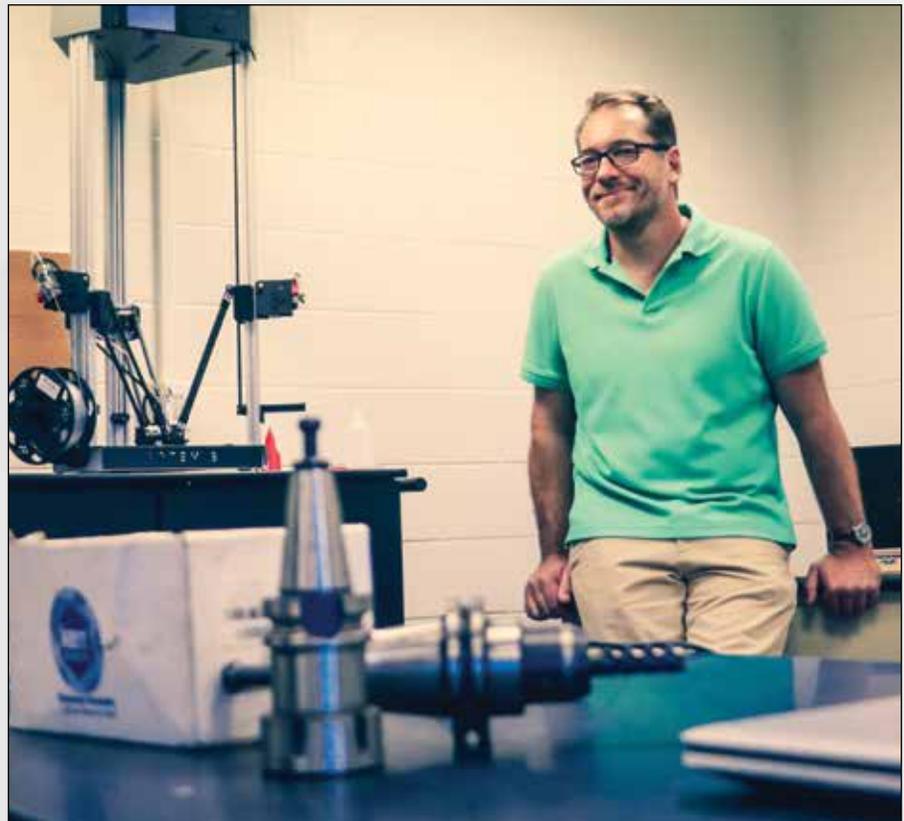
- Teaches Introduction to Industrial Design and Precision Machining.
- Started working as an industrial machinist in 1989. In 2000, he started his own machine shop specializing in Precision CNC Machining for the medical industry. In 2015, he began working as a Melt Technician and Machinist making and processing titanium alloys.

## Jade Hollenbaugh

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### PRECISION MACHINING

*"I have been intrigued with machining since before my teenage years. I had access to a small lathe and spent countless hours of my youth making small projects out of whatever metal I could find. In high school, I found an industrial arts program that was in complete decline. The equipment was in disrepair and obviously not a priority. When I was told what the vision of the Whitko Career Academy would be, I knew I had to be a part of it." - JADE HOLLENBAUGH*



## Angie Irwin

BUSINESS EDUCATION & MARKETING/  
EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

*"I love working at Whitko Career Academy! WCA works hard to create a sense of belonging, respect, value, and engagement for every student. The staff and instructors instill in each student the ability to succeed in establishing and maintaining a vision to prepare students for LIFE, no matter what career path they may choose." - ANGIE IRWIN*



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### FAST FACTS:

- Teaches Business Professions and Education Professions.
- A Teacher Leader in the Educators Rising Organization for WCA Education Students.
- Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a Kindergarten Endorsement.
- 24 years of teaching experience.



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**FAST FACTS:**

- A 1983 graduate of Penn High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Butler University. He earned his Marketing Endorsement from Ball State and his Masters in Secondary Education from IPFW.
- Brings over 30 years of experience in teaching career education, administration, and selling medical supplies.

# Phil Jensen

## COLLEGE & CAREERS/WORK BASED LEARNING

Phil Jensen is in his second year at Whitko Schools. His duties include teaching 8th grade College and Careers, as well as working with Ortho Works and The Lilly Foundation to provide additional exposure to the opportunities in our area for our students.

*"It is an amazing opportunity to be a part of the beginning of the Whitko Career Academy. I am excited to see the advancement of such a wonderful resource for our students and the communities we serve."* - PHIL JENSEN



## Justin Jordan

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

*"I enjoy all of the different courses we have to offer the students, and I love coming to work in this environment. The kids are amazing and the people I get to work with every day are the best!"*

- JUSTIN JORDAN



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#### FAST FACTS:

- Teaches Nutrition and Wellness, In-school suspension instructor, and Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach.
- Graduated from IPFW in 2014 with a General Studies degree.





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#### FAST FACTS:

- Instructs Construction Trades and Intro to Construction.
- Graduated from Warsaw Community High School and completed four years of plumbing school. Passed the Indiana State Contractor Exam in 2006.
- Has worked in the construction trade for 20 plus years.
- Serves as a volunteer with Kosciusko County 4-H.
- He and his wife have lived and raised their family in the Whitko Community for 20 years. They enjoy watching basketball, traveling, and spending time with family.

## Brent Messmore

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### CONSTRUCTION TRADES

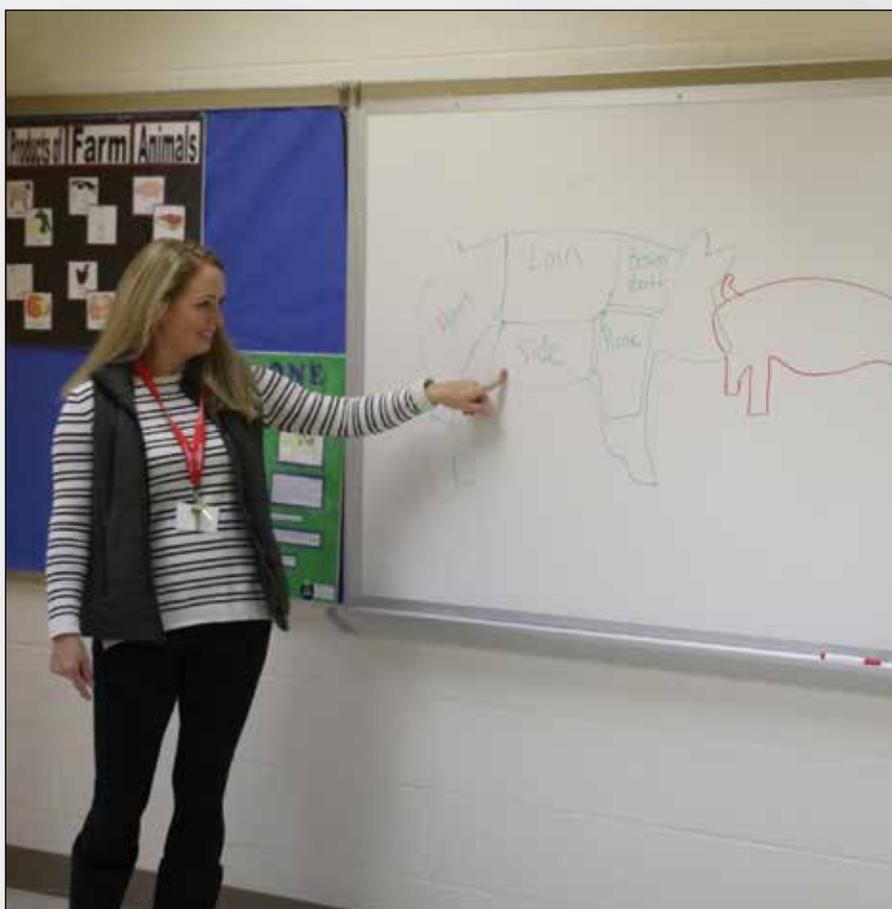
*"I look forward to getting students interested in the construction profession."* - BRENT MESSMORE



# Heather Millett

## AGRICULTURE

*"I enjoy working with the students and teaching the youth about my passion of agriculture." - HEATHER MILLETT*



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### FAST FACTS:

- Instructs seventh grade Agriculture, eighth grade Intro to Agriculture, and Jr. High Virtual Agriculture.
- Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from the University of Illinois and Masters of Science in Agricultural Education from the University of Illinois.
- Has previously worked as a Travel Agent, USDA Meat Grader, 4-H Extension Educator for Purdue Extension, Ivy Tech Anatomy Instructor, and ISDA Milk Inspector.
- Received Purdue Extension Youth Programming Award for the Livestock Judging Workshop presented to 4-H and FFA teams.
- Recipient of the Greensburg Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Award.
- Whitley County 4-H Council member.
- Decatur County Big Brothers/ Big Sisters volunteer.



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#### FAST FACTS:

- Instructs Intro to Advanced Manufacturing, Intro to Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics, Welding Technology I, and Welding Technology II.
- Ball State University Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology Education, Workplace Specialist II Welding License.
- Multiple certifications from the American Welding Society and National Institute of Metalworking Skills.
- An adjunct faculty at Ivy Tech Community College.
- Received the Lilly Fellowship Grant "Spurred to Inspiration".
- 4-H Volunteer and Sponsor.

## Jay Ocken

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WELDING TECHNOLOGY/  
ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

*"I look forward to students learning or finding a passion for a subject area." - JAY OCKEN*



# Mallery Pierce

## CULINARY ARTS

*"I have enjoyed coming to work every day knowing that the staff I work with daily love to be here for the students and to make a learning environment that is beneficial and fun for every student that walks into our doors. I also enjoy being with my students every day. They bring me so much joy and when they come to school ready to learn and be involved, that is my absolute greatest joy as a teacher. I truly love my job and enjoy being at Whitko Career Academy!" - MALLERY PIERCE*



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### FAST FACTS:

- Teaches Child Development, Human Development, and Culinary Arts.
- Future sponsor of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).
- Received her bachelor's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University with a Major in International and Community Development.
- Has been in education for twelve years at the high school level, two years at Whitko Community Schools.
- Event Planner at Whitko Career Academy for various events. Her culinary students have made appetizers, and catered for the WCA Banquet and for community businesses.



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#### FAST FACTS:

- Teaches eighth grade College & Careers as well as ninth grade Intro to Business.
- First taught second grade at Pierceton Elementary, then for the next five years was the Project Lead the Way instructor for both of Whitko's elementary schools. Currently splits time between Whitko Jr/Sr High School where she teaches seventh grade computer science and the WCA.
- Currently in her ninth year of teaching.

# Ashley Roberts

## COLLEGE & CAREERS/BUSINESS

*"I am excited about the opportunities our students have at WCA. I am proud to be a part of WCA and believe the skills our students are gaining will help them be successful in the future."* - ASHLEY ROBERTS



# Kelley Sheiss

## AGRICULTURE

Being a transplant to Whitley County from Lancaster, PA over 25 years ago, Kelley Sheiss absolutely loves to call this area home. Not only does she work in this community, Kelley lives here and has chosen to grow their agricultural operation/business here. It is important for Kelley to see Whitley County prosper and support our youth, all while having the opportunity to educate young people about agriculture.

Kelley has enjoyed serving our community in many ways over the years, including as Past President of the Columbia City Parks Board, Indiana Leadership Association Board of Directors, Whitley County Community Foundation Grants Committee, Whitley County Farmer's Market and Whitley County 4-H. Kelley currently serves as a member of the Parkview Patient Advisory Committee, Area Representative for the Indiana Beef Cattle Association and she is an alternate on the Whitley County Board of Zoning Appeals.

*"What I enjoy most about working at Whitko Career Academy is without a doubt the students and the opportunities WCA is providing to introduce them to, and increase their knowledge of, everything agriculture and how important this industry is to our daily lives."* - KELLEY SHEISS



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### FAST FACTS:

- Instructs eighth grade Introduction to Agriculture and ninth grade Animal Science & Natural Resources.
- B.S. in Animal Science with a minor in Business/Marketing from The Pennsylvania State University.
- Over 25 years experience working in the non-profit sector, including commodity/meat marketing and promotion, community, leadership and economic development.
- Full-time family farming operation north of Larwill; farrow-to-finish swine operation, 75 head brood cows, and farm approximately 1,000 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay.
- Whitley County 4-H Outstanding Adult Leadership - 2017.
- United Way Volunteer of the Year - 2008.
- Leadership Whitley County graduate - 2001.



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#### FAST FACTS:

- Instructs Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Digital Electronics, Civil Engineering & Architecture, and Computer Integrated Manufacturing.
- Bachelor of Science in Engineering Education from Purdue University - 2010.
- Autodesk Certified User: Revit, Inventor, Fusion 360 and Google Certified User: Level 1 & Level 2.
- Ten years of teaching experience.
- Ben Davis Top 30 Award Recipient - 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2020.
- Ben Davis You Make a Difference Award - 2016.
- Coca-Cola Scholar Foundation: Educator of Distinction Award - 2016.
- Wayne Township Teacher of the Year Finalist - 2016 & 2019.

## Derrek Sorg

### ENGINEERING & DESIGN/PLTW

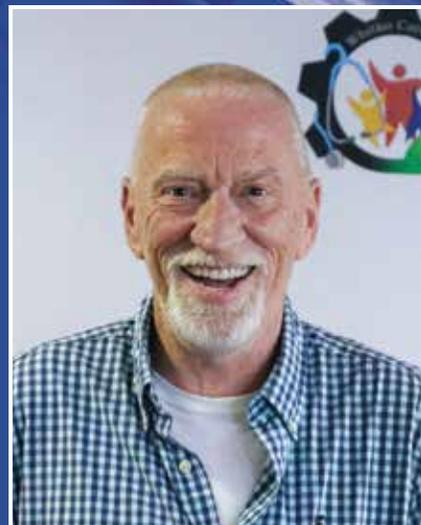
*"Teaching at WCA has opened some very unique doors for the future of workforce development and college readiness. I have spoken to companies in the surrounding community about potential partnerships that would provide students with real-world problems to solve." - DERREK SORG*



# Bryan Wilburn

## PRECISION MACHINING

*"I love the pockets of learning that occur all throughout WCA on a daily basis, from students in the Ag Barn tending to the livestock, to students welding and fabricating, to students building cornhole boards. Seeing the students engaged, using hands-on learning is very rewarding personally, but also fits the vision of what the WCA is all about."* - BRYAN WILBURN



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### FAST FACTS:

- Instructs Introduction to Construction Trades, Advanced Manufacturing I, and Precision Machining I.
- Attended IUPUI and Ball State University.
- 24 years of employment at Borg-Warner Automotive, with 12 years as a CNC Operator and set-up man and 10 years as the CNC Department Supervisor.
- High Performance Leadership, Coaching and Counseling, and Diversity in the Workplace training with certifications.
- Little League baseball coach and volunteer assistant coach for Wapahani High School for several years, including a 2004 state runner-up finish.
- Bass player for *The 5 Speeds*, a 70's/80's cover band, based in Muncie, Indiana.



# A WELCOME LOCATION FOR EVENTS

Whitko Career Academy offers Whitko Schools and the community a great opportunity to host events when it comes to location, facilities, and services available.



# Stockman Livestock Judging Contest



*Whitko FFA students volunteered for the 27th Annual Stockman Livestock Judging Contest held on the WCA campus.*

Livestock judging teams gathered at Whitko Career Academy at the end of October for the 27th Annual Stockman Livestock Judging Contest led by Whitko agriculture instructor Roger Carr. Participants included local teams as well as teams representing eleven different states from across the country and ranged in age from youth to college divisions. Over fifty Whitko FFA alumni, livestock supporters, and students helped with the event including: supplying livestock, officiating, providing meal service, leading groups, and showing livestock.

*The Stockman Livestock Judging Contest is just one example of the opportunity Whitko Career Academy has to offer the community when it comes to location, facilities, and services available.*

Area businesses have already partnered with the career academy to use the facilities for team training exercises and corporate meetings while using the available meeting space, gym, and cafeteria, along with catering services provided by Culinary Arts students.



# Little Cats Child Care

Coming soon to Whitko Career Academy, Little Cats Child Care for children ages 2-5 years old.

For more information on this program, please call WCA at (260) 327-3603 or visit [WhitkoCareerAcademy.org](http://WhitkoCareerAcademy.org).



# Before & After School Care

Whitko Career Academy proudly offers before and after school care for students pre-k and up. Before school care drop off begins at 6:30 a.m. and after school pick up ends at 5:30 p.m. Students are taken to school in time for morning breakfast and are provided an after school snack at WCA. Before and after school care is \$25 per week, per child. Care in either the morning or afternoon only is just \$15 per week, per child. Enrollment is ongoing.

For more information on this program, please call WCA at (260) 327-3603 or visit [WhitkoCareerAcademy.org](http://WhitkoCareerAcademy.org).



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