



Business Education Council

Linking Business and Education

2008-2009

Annual Report

**Working
Together to
Prepare our
Youth for
Tomorrow!**

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Message from The Executive Director

Linda Leblond



Our Mission is...

“To encourage partnerships between business, education, and the Wyoming County community that will prepare our young people to be productive members of the workforce”.

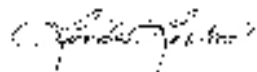
Since 1980, The Business Education Council, has been inspiring young people to succeed through a dedicated membership and volunteer network. The Business Education Council provides in-school and after school programs in grades k-12 that focus on leadership, volunteerism and career development skills building a foundation for success.

I am proud to have shared this annual report with you. The following pages reflect the BEC's commitment by providing over 8106 students a relevant connection between what they are learning in school and how to apply it in future careers.

The BEC's to provides work skill programs and career exploration opportunities for our students enabling students to experience successful lifelong learning. The impact of these programs extend into the school and community.

Our greatest value is the partnerships, business members, and community volunteers that have embraced our mission by continuously helping students explore future career opportunities and inspiring future leaders.

Thank you!



Wyoming County Business Education Council

2009 Award Recipients

Outstanding Youth Program

“Criminal Court Day”

Wyoming County Commissioner of Jurors

Wyoming County Courts

Wyoming County District Attorneys

Wyoming County Sheriff's Department

Outstanding Partner in Education

Pioneer Credit Recovery, Inc.

Please join us in congratulating our

2009 award winners!!!!!!

2008-2009 Agency Initiatives

In the Spring of 2008 the BEC Board of Directors defined a major objective for the upcoming program year. This objective represents our commitment to the mission of the BEC, as well as our continued commitment to workforce development creating a world-class workforce in Wyoming County.



AmeriCorps- The BEC participating with Genesee County Youth Bureau to serve as an AmeriCorps host agency for 2009. AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Experience Works—reached out to the BEC for the Senior Community Service Employment program. Experience Works is a national, charitable, community-based organization that helps seniors get the training they need to find good jobs in their local communities. Programs are designed to help mature individuals enter or re-enter the workforce, secure more challenging positions, move into new careers or supplement their incomes.

2008 Grants/ Funding Received

Grant:	United Way of Wyoming County	10, 500.00
Grant:	Sallie Mae Fund	5,000.00
Grant:	Work Force Investment Board	34,108.00
Funding:	WNY Rural A-HEC	2,100.00
Funding:	Wyoming County	6,000.00
Wyoming Foundation		500.00
Community Action of Wyoming Cty.		1,500.00

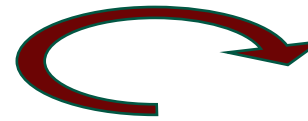


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2009 Corporate Members

American Classic Outfitters
Attica Auto Supply and Hardware, Inc
Bovis Lend Lease, LMB, Inc.
Christa Construction
Clark Patterson Lee
Complete Payroll Processing
Five Star Bank
Genesee Community College
Koike Aronson, Inc.
Livingston-Wyoming ARC
McCormick Farms
Morton Salt
Perry Veterinary Clinic, PLLC.
Pioneer Credit Recovery
Prestolite Electric, Inc.
The Bank of Castile
Tompkins Insurance Agencies
Wyoming County Community Health Care System
Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce
Wyoming County Industrial Development

Business Education Council

Board of Directors

Executive Committee

2008-2010 President	Bryce Thompson, Attica CSD
2008-2010 Past President	Jeff Fitch, SignLanguage, Inc.
2008-2010 Vice President	Mark Balling, Bovis Lend-Lease
2008-2010 Treasurer	Jim Nicholson, <i>NYS DOL</i>
2008-2010 Secretary	Connie Almeter, <i>WCCH</i>
2008-2010 Nomination Chair	Norbert Fuest, <i>Morton Salt</i>

Standing Board Members

Dr. Jeffrey Bowen, *Pioneer CSD*
Jane Munro, *Western NY R-AHEC*
Mark Balling, *Bovis Lend Lease, LMB. Inc.*
Patricia Chaya, *Genesee Community College, Warsaw*
Sandra Duckworth, *Wyoming CSD*
Joseph Gozelski, *Wy. Cty. Board of Supervisors*
Ted Hale, *Genesee Valley BOCES*
Kevin McGowan, *Warsaw, CSD*
Donald O'Geen, *Wy. Cty. Ist. Assistant District Attorney*
Candi Snyder, *Pioneer Credit Recovery*
Angela Waligora, *Cornell Cooperative Extension*
Amanda West, *The Bank of Castile*
Daniel White/Edward Stores, *Perry CSD*
John Witkowski, *Five Star Bank*

BUSINESS EDUCATION COUNCIL

Staff:

Linda Leblond, Executive Director

Kelly Ashcraft, Program Coordinator

Active Committee Seats

2008-2009

- 1) Workforce Investment Board Youth Council non voting member:
 - a. Bi-annual meetings
 - b. Direct connection to BEC WIB grant
- 2) Genesee Valley BOCES CDOS:
 - a. Monthly meeting to organize program presentation
 - b. Direct connection to NYS State Education learning standards
 - c. Link learning standards to classroom presentations
- 3) United Way Campaign Cabinet:
 - a. Monthly meetings
 - b. BEC oversees school fall campaign
 - c. BEC receives United Way Grant funding
- 4) Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce Marketing & Membership:
 - a. Monthly Meetings
 - b. BEC partners with chamber on membership invoice
 - c. BEC is a Chamber Member
 - d. BEC benefits from the programs and networking events at no cost to BEC
- 5) Wyoming County Transit Service Advisory Committee:
 - a. Semiannual meetings
 - b. BEC partners with transit for student transportation

BEC Programs

2008-2009

Criminal Court Day:



1082 Participating Students

Students in grades 8-12th have the opportunity to attend a presentation given by Marianne Kelly, Commissioner of Jurors of Wyoming County. A brief video, along with an oral presentation, explaining the jury selection process.



Honorable, Judge Michael Griffith addresses students as they observe first *So, You want to work for the Court System?* hand actual court cases. Asked if you noticed a pattern to the charges, Students' respond with—abuse of drugs and alcohol. A valuable real life experience.



BEC Programs

Business Tours:



321 Participating Students

Students and teachers get the opportunity to visit and tour local Wyoming County businesses to see first hand how products and services are produced, packaged, are delivered.

Job Shadowing:

87 Participating Students

Allows students the opportunity to gain real life work experience by shadowing in businesses through Wyoming County. It sparks interests and ideas in local area workplaces. As for the businesses, it presents them an opportunity to showcase their business and open the door to eager young minds, anxious to learn the ropes of the business world first hand.

Junior Achievement:

222 Participating Students

Programs sponsored by : Morton Salt and Five Star Bank

Elementary School Programs designed to help students understand how global economics affect career choices. To educate and inspire young people to value enterprise, business, and economics designed to improve the quality of their lives.



BEC Program Highlights





BEC Programs

Mock Interview:

364 Participating Students

Norb Fuest, Morton Salt . Mock Interview



One of the many classroom curriculum presentations. Other presentation include: Job expectations, budgeting, resume writing, how to look for a job, job application, and interview tips.



BEC Programs

Workforce Investment Board

(WIB) BEC Work Skills Program

38 Participating Students



2008-2009 Students enrolled in this program receive support to successfully transition to the world of work and post secondary academic or training opportunities. The BEC Program Coordinator provides occupational training, as well as coordinates academic support for the students. Students are taught to understand the link between academic success and the world of work and concepts such as “what it takes to be a good employee” and how to interview for a job.

Health Expo

550 Participating Students

Provides students with information on healthy living. diet, exercise, and healthy behavior.



“The Great Hospital Adventure”

599 Participating Students

A health careers and healthy behaviors puppet show presentation. Includes a live puppet show, and a 13 minute video. Designed for Elementary grades (K-1st.)

