

Winamac HS offers work ethic certification

BraunAbility, Fratco, Galbreath, Plymouth Tube and Winamac Coil Spring partners in program

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WINAMAC — The Eastern Pulaski Community School Corp. has announced the start of a new program for Winamac Community High School seniors.

With the assistance of local business partners — BraunAbility, Fratco, Galbreath, Plymouth Tube and Winamac Coil Spring — the WARRIOR Work Ethic Certificate program has been developed and will be instituted this school year, according to a press release from superintendent Dan Foster. The application was also approved by the Department of Workforce Development to join the Governor's Work Ethic Certificate program.

Students in the program must demonstrate a variety of positive characteristics such as work ethic, attitude, responsibility, reliability, be an independent/autonomous worker, be organized and be responsive to direction. Additionally, seniors must have a 98 percent attendance rate, no more

than one behavioral referral, 6 hours of school/community service, must maintain a "C" 2.0 or better GPA, must attend at least one manufacturing day and have at least one documented plant tour, according to the release.

In turn, business partners may offer students with a certificate such incentives as guaranteed interviews, preferential treatment in applicant pool, a variety of bonuses if employed, etc.

As a member of the Governor's Work Ethic Certificate program, Winamac students who complete the certificate at the high school and relocate to another area in Indiana where business partners have signed on will be eligible for the same types of benefits as local partners have agreed to — it is up to the individual business to determine their own offers.

Foster said the corporation is excited for the opportunities local business

partners will be offering students.

He added the program isn't just for line jobs, either. All of the companies need some line positions filled, he explained, but they also have needs in accounting, human resources, marketing, engineering and so on. Some of those business partners also offer some tuition assistance.

If any other business is interested in participating in the program, they may contact Foster at 574-946-4010 or through email at dan.foster@epulaski.k12.in.us.