

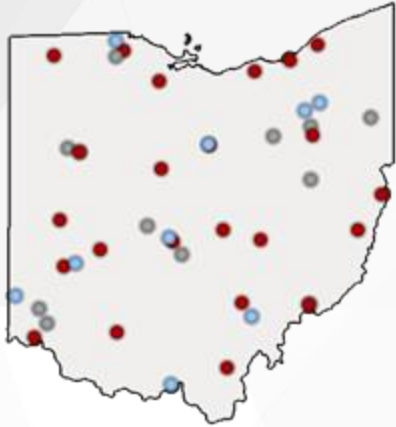
OhioTechNet

Partners in Training Ohio's Manufacturing Workforce

Ohio TechNet Monthly Meeting

May 19, 2026

Thank you for joining us today!
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OTN Members:

- Community College
- Technical Center
- University

Vision

The members of the Ohio Technical Skills Innovation Network, or Ohio TechNet, are nationally recognized for partnering with industry to implement collaborative, innovative solutions that meet manufacturing and tech workforce needs.

Mission

Ohio TechNet supports workforce development and academic professionals to incubate, develop and sustain programming that accelerates the growth of Ohio's manufacturing & technical workforce.

Purpose

Ohio TechNet partners benefit from peer-to-peer collaboration, technical assistance and access to resources, making program expansion and innovation at their institution more efficient, faster to implement and easier to sustain.

Strategic Focus Areas

Ohio TechNet's strategic focus areas provide partners with best practices, models, and technical assistance to address the critical workforce needs in the state.

Guided Pathways for Youth

Reaching New Audiences

Innovative Earn and Learn

Faculty and Educator Development

Partnering with Industry

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CONNECT



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our monthly newsletter to stay informed about peer-to-peer collaboration opportunities, technical assistance, innovative solutions, and upcoming trainings.

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COLLABORATE



CONSORTIUM MEETINGS

Join our virtual meetings every 3rd Tuesday at 8:30 AM (EST) to explore collaborative, innovative solutions that support workforce and academic professionals across Ohio's educational institutions in addressing manufacturing and tech talent needs.

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CONTRIBUTE



OTN RESOURCES

From industry-aligned partnerships and earn-and-learn programs to faculty development and K-12 outreach, Ohio TechNet offers innovative tools and resources to help institutions and individuals thrive. Visit our website to learn more.



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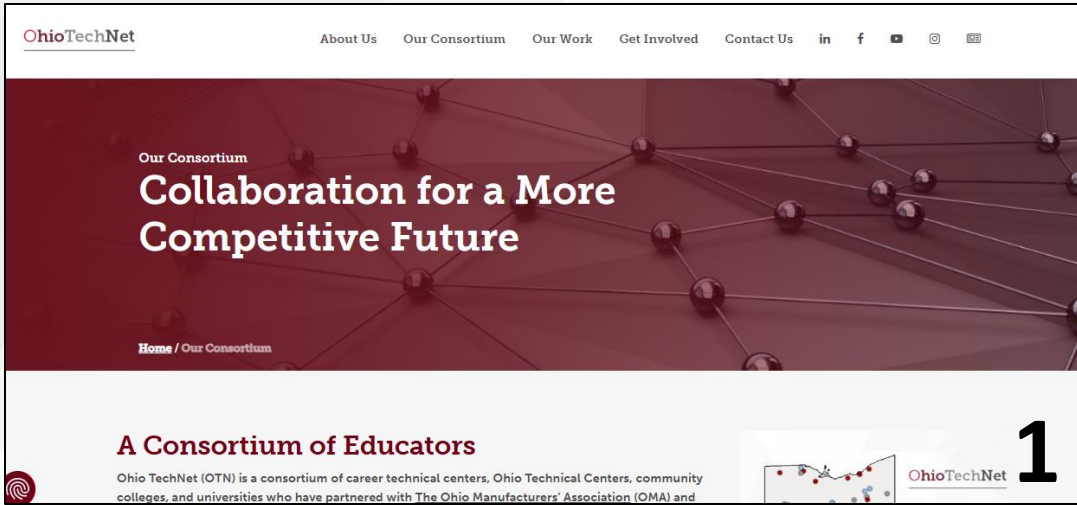
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Member Management

Updating Records – Summer 2026

- Each designated primary contact will receive a list of the current contacts we have on file for your institution.
- Please review this information and reply with any updates or corrections to ensure our records remain accurate.

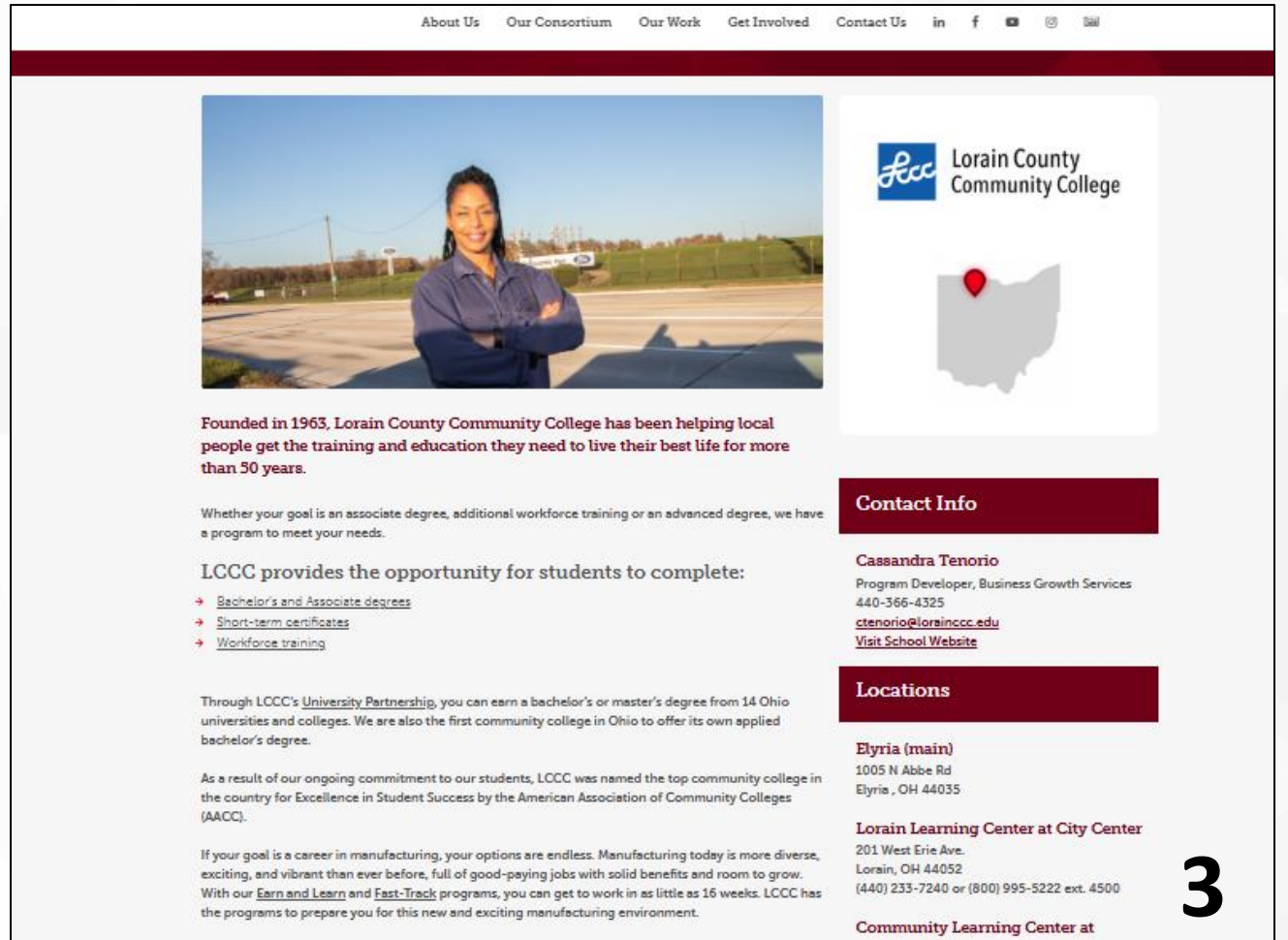




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Defense Industrial Base STEM Consortium

Think Tank Expansion & New Funding Opportunity

Participation in quarterly DIB STEM Think Tank meetings is open to **any OTN member institution or strategic partner.**

As part of the Think Tank, members will:

- Validate project strategies, initiatives, and curricula
- Drive alignment to the workforce priorities of DoW STEM, Ohio's defense manufacturers, and the Ohio Manufacturing Workforce Blueprint
- Participate in asset mapping and opportunity assessments
- Accelerate innovation within institutions and disseminate best practices and high-impact models

On **June 1st** Ohio TechNet will release a request for proposals (RFP) to develop and pilot innovative training initiatives aligned to Ohio DIB talent needs.

Four projects will be funded up to \$100,000 each for one year, contingent on award to LCCC of a one-year continuation of funding (9.1.26-8.31.27).

Proposals must advance Defense Industrial Base workforce readiness, focusing on 1 of 3 pathways:

1. Innovative Workforce & Industry Training
2. Capacity-Building - Faculty & Instructor Development
3. Career-Connected Learning and Post-Secondary Pathways



Proposals due June 30
Decisions announced by July 20th

Experiential Learning Webinar Series

Join the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) and Ohio TechNet in this dynamic six-part webinar series exploring the full spectrum of experiential learning—from foundational concepts to innovative earn-and-learn models that strengthen pathways into high-demand fields—reimagine what experiential learning can look like on your campus.

Upcoming Webinars:

- Designing Earn and Learn Programs - May 28, 2026
- Building Industry Partnerships - July 22, 2026
- Innovative Approaches: Micro-Internships and Project-Based Learning - September 30, 2026
- Leveraging Simulations and Virtual Labs - November 18, 2026
- Recap & Launch of the **Updated** Experiential Learning Replication Guide - December 9, 2026

Register Here: <https://oaccsuccesscenter.regfox.com/experiential-learning-on-your-campus-webinar-series>



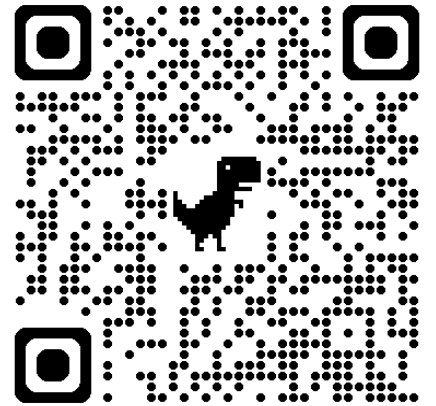
Webinar #1: Foundations of Experiential Learning

April 1, 2026, at 12:00 PM

Explore the core principles of experiential learning and how institutions can build strong, intentional models that connect student learning with career preparation.

[WATCH WEBINAR #1](#)

[VIEW WEBINAR #1 SLIDES](#)



<https://ohiotech.net/our-work/current-work/webinar-series/>



Instructor Training: What is already happening in Ohio?



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NEXT MEETING:

**June 16, 2026
8:30am**



Guided Pathways for Youth & K-12 Engagement

Lorain County Joint Vocational School (LCJVS)

- **Mario Codispoti**, Director, Communication, Department of Communications, Marketing, and Career Services (Workforce)
- **Mathias Hauck**, Workforce Development Strategist





A WORK-READY LORAIN COUNTY AND BEYOND



**POWERED BY STRATEGIC
COMMS AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT**





Driving Organizational Change, Internal and External Perceptions, and Aligning Strategies

- **Disrupting Organizational Norms: Aligning the department**
- **Brand Redevelopment: They way speak and think about the institution**
- **Building upon Ohio's Talent Ecosystem**





Driving Workforce Development Through Communication and Engagement

- Power Your Social Media Accounts
- Leverage Existing Content
- Become a Thought Leader: Create Content
- Make Sure You Have a Seat at the Table
- Employer-Connected Pathways
 - Monthly Employer Onboarding
 - State-Wide Events
 - External Relationships and Collaboratives
 - Signature Events
 - Advisory Boards, Meetings, and Creative Engagements





Building Blocks: From Student to Talent Ready

- **Four-Year Model**
 - **Summer Internship**
 - **Early-Job Placement / Fall**
 - **Early-Job Placement / Spring**
 - **Signing Day / Graduation**
- **Lessons Learned**



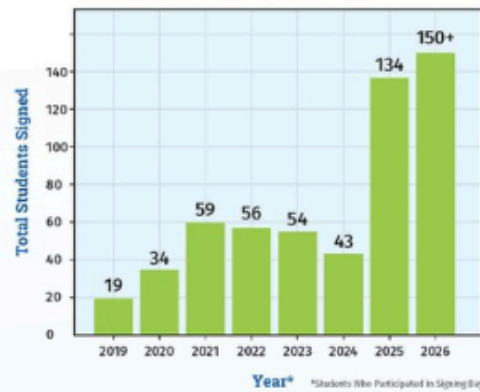


Measurable Outcomes and Employer-Connected Pathways

Emerging Talent. Employer-Connected Pathways.
Endless Opportunities.

WORK PLACEMENT (2019-2026)

This chart shows the growth in total students signing accepting CTE-connected positions with regional employers.



STUDENT SUCCESS DASHBOARD POST-GRADUATION IMPACT

70%
of Graduates are Employed Prior to Graduation

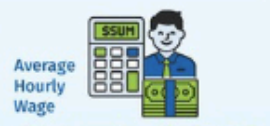
Nearly **200**
Students are Entering the Workforce Immediately

Reduced Talent Acquisition Costs for Employers
\$4,000-\$7,000 per hire

Estimated Employer Savings
\$800,000-\$1.4M



140
Students are Pursuing College



Average Hourly Wage
\$15-\$26
Annual Economic Output
\$3.9M-\$6.5M

Community Sponsorships

