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Educational Leaders Focus on Preparing 21st Century Workforce

The [Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County](#) (CBICC) held its annual [State of Education Luncheon](#) on Tuesday, May 1. The event creates dialogue with Centre County school districts and career/technical training institutions about workforce readiness.

Our Community Outreach Director, Jeff Stachowski (third from right in group photo), attended to represent South Hills. During the luncheon, the new CentreREADY initiative was unveiled.



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Mifflin County Free Wheeling Day



Stephanie Wilson, Assistant [Diagnostic Medical Sonography](#) program director at South Hills, gave a demonstration on ultrasonography to fourth graders from [Mifflin County School District](#) at Free Wheeling Day in Reedsville. Stephanie spoke to the students about the different careers associated with sonography.

Free Wheeling Day is hosted by the [Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce's Business and Education Committee](#). This event gives fourth graders the opportunity to begin to think about their interests and explore many different career paths.

Bright Outlook Occupation: Computer User Specialist



For this installment of our [Bright Outlook Occupations](#) series, we're taking a look at Computer User Support Specialists.

[Computer User Support Specialists](#) play a vital role in a company by working with different hardware, software, networking, etc. Everyone from educational institutions to hospitals to government use Computer User Support Specialists providing a wide variety of industries to build a career in.

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Alumni Spotlight: Thad Riggie

[Thad Riggie](#) is a 2012 graduate of our [Information Technology \(IT\) program](#) from our [Altoona Campus](#) who is now a Cloud Support Engineer for Amazon Web Services in Herndon, Virginia.

Thad is pictured with his dog, Bronson, who frequently accompanies him to work. Thad said, "It's common policy for Amazon to allow dogs. He is sort of the mascot for our team and has many friends here!"

To find out how his South Hills education helped him prepare for his career, click [here](#) to find out more from Thad himself.



Mifflin County - Take Your Child to Work Day



Above: Max Musser giving drone presentation
Below: Venus Shade showing the children how to dust for fingerprints



April 26 was national Take Your Child to Work Day. Parents of the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit of McVeytown had the opportunity to bring their children to our [Lewistown campus](#) for lunch and a [drone demonstration](#) by Max Musser.

The second part of their visit was with Venus Shade, [Criminal Justice](#) instructor. Students had the opportunity to dust for fingerprints and take home a copy of their own. Venus spoke to the students about the criminal justice field and how fingerprints are used.

Engineering Technology Club Visits Fallingwater

Our [Engineering Technology \(ET\) Club](#) recently visited [Fallingwater](#), a historical and architectural home designed in 1935 by renowned American architect, [Frank Lloyd Wright](#).

Fallingwater visually illustrated construction methods and materials that our students have learned in their Architectural CAD I course such as, cantilevered construction; glass, masonry and concrete materials; visual concepts, and styles of architecture.

Today, this architectural piece is open to the public as a museum and is designated as a National Historic Landmark.



(L to R) Tyler Eberly, ET Instructor - Gary Powers, Alyssa Lucas-Hill, Melanie Boggs, James Warner, Brian Schreiber, Tanner Hutchinson, Jason Alexander, Daniel Vandrew, Ethan Sperling

Information Technology Students Develop E-Commerce Website



(L to R) Cody Virgilio, Richard Gritsinger, and Winesickles' Music Owner, John Winesickles

[Information Technology \(IT\)](#) students from our [Altoona campus](#) were given an opportunity to work with a Bellwood business, [Winesickles' Music, LLC](#) to develop an e-commerce site.

Students learned how to decide which WordPress hosting is best for a client, how to work with multiple internet companies to setup a fully-functioning site, and basic Search Engine Optimization (SEO) concepts.

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Fifth Annual BASICS/Rotary Career Fair

Members from our [Altoona Campus](#) attended the 5th annual [BASICS/Rotary Career Fair](#) held at the Blair County Convention Center.

More than 1,000 high school sophomores from ten local high schools were invited to explore opportunities from nearly 80 different career categories.

[Information Technology \(IT\)](#) Instructors, Jeff Joiner and Guido Santella, were on hand to give the students a glimpse into the world of computer programming and networking.



Alumni Spotlight: Lillah Cherry



South Hills alumna, Lillah Cherry, credits her South Hills education with giving her the skills and knowledge she needed to successfully start and run her own business, [East End Coffee Co.](#) in Lewistown, PA.

Lillah is a 2011 graduate of our [Administrative Professional program](#) from our [Lewistown Campus](#).

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Behind the Scenes: Crime Lab Visit

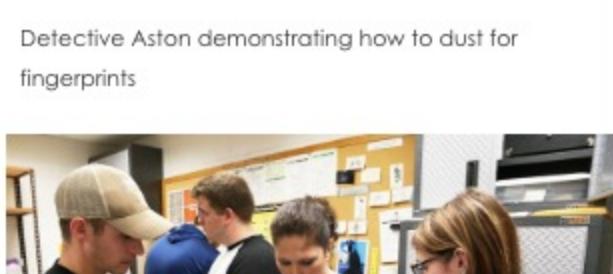
Detective John Aston of the [State College Police Department](#) provided some hands-on experience for our first year [Criminal Justice](#) students.

Detective Aston demonstrated different methods to dissect evidence from crime scenes to help solve cases.

After being shown a variety of ways to collect fingerprints from many different objects such as cell phones, bottles, pieces of paper, and bullet cartridges, the students were able to participate in hands-on activities to pull the fingerprints from these objects themselves using an array of methods and tools.



Detective Aston demonstrating how to dust for fingerprints



CJ Program Coordinator and Instructor, Jennifer Stover, along with Jason Walizer, and Tara Jannifer taking a closer look at fingerprints lifted from a piece of paper

Lewistown Students Visit Burnham United Methodist Preschool



Learn more about CKI and other student clubs available at South Hills [here](#).

Hannah Kauffman and Jared Pennepacker, both second-year [Business Administration—Management & Marketing](#) students at our [Lewistown Campus](#), visited Burnham United Methodist Preschool to read "My Cousin Momo" to the daycare students.

The book by Zachariah O'Hara is about Momo, an eccentric flying squirrel who shows his cousins that being unique and trying new things can be lots of fun.

Hannah and Jared were able to give each child a free copy of the book to keep compliments of Kiwanis Club of Lewistown and [South Hills Circle K International](#) (CKI).

Upcoming Events

Summer Music Picnic Series

Join us for the 29th annual [Summer Music Picnic Series](#). There are 12 amazing local acts booked for every Sunday in June, July, & August.

Bring the whole family (and a picnic supper) to our State College Main Campus for an outdoor dinner and a show!



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