

2018 Manufacturing Month

In October, OhioMeansJobs in partnership with the other members of the Lorain County Growth Partnership (LCGP) that include; the Lorain County Board of Commissioners, Lorain County Community Development, Lorain County Chamber of Commerce, Lorain County Community College, and the Lorain County JVS, organized another successful Manufacturing Month. This was the 4th Annual Manufacturing Month coordinated by the LCGP, with the goal being to help create awareness of manufacturing in Lorain County and to highlight career pathways in the industry to local students.

The month of activities began with a Kick-Off event that was held on October 5, 2018 and was hosted by Riddell in North Ridgeville with approximately 100 individuals in attendance. The speakers included Commissioner Ted Kalo and North Ridgeville Mayor, David Gillock who both offered proclamations recognizing Riddell for their commitment to help promote manufacturing in our community. Ben Marker, General Manager for Riddell, provided an overview of the company, highlights of the new facility they moved into and continued advancements the company has made to be a leader in their market. The event ended with those in attendance being provided with a tour of the new state of the art facility.

The LCGP helped to coordinate a number of events that were geared towards helping to better educate local students of opportunities in manufacturing. The events included employer panel events that were held at the Lorain County JVS, Midview and Keystone High Schools. While these events were geared towards high school students, the LCGP also helped to coordinate an event that was held at North Ridgeville Ranger High-Tech Academy that was provided to students in the 5th through 8th grade. This session offered the students the ability to interact with “Baxter”, a robot that Beckett Gas had on site, as well as, the opportunity to create some polymers under the direction of representatives from PolyOne.

OhioMeansJobs Lorain County looks forward to continue work with our partners to enhance and build upon the successful events that have been held over the last four years as planning begins for next year's 5th Annual Manufacturing Month!

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See photos below:

Tony Gallo, Lorain County Chamber President, kicks off the 2018 Mfg. Mo. Kick Off



Ben Marker, GM @ Riddell addresses group at 2018 Manufacturing Month Kick Off





Floor to ceiling Wall mural at new Riddell complex.



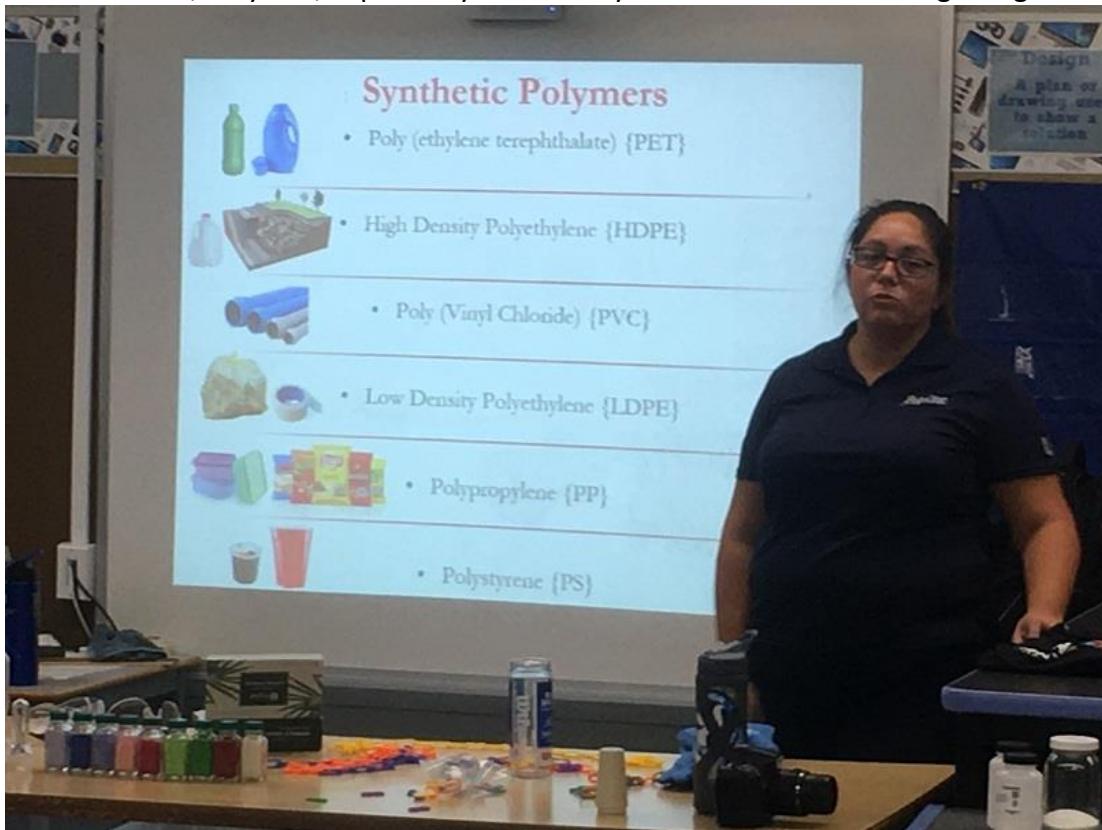
One of several Walls of Helmets @ Riddell



OMJLC Employment Specialist, Abby Poorman, has fun with the Riddell helmets. Go Browns!



Ana De La Ree, PolyOne, explains Synthetic Polymers to students at Ranger High-Tech Academy



Greg Bloomfield demonstrates Baxter the Robot to students at Ranger High-Tech Academy



Students conduct experiments with polymers at Ranger High-Tech Academy



Local Manufacturers participate in panel discussion at JVS



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