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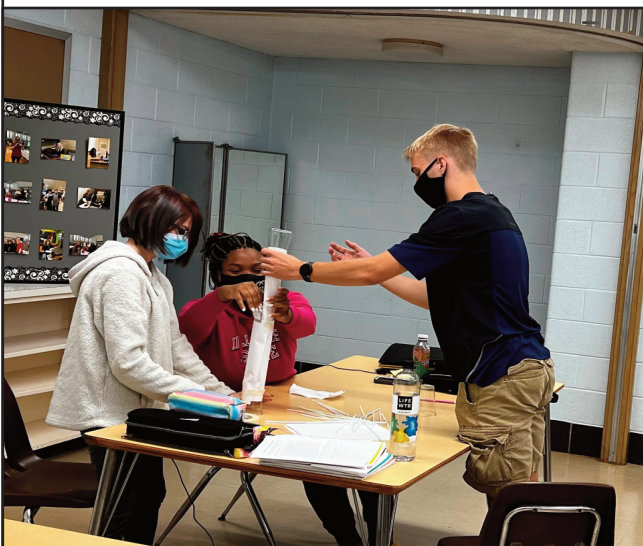
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Co-op Voc Article

The LACC Interrelated Cooperative Education (“I.C.E.” or “Co-op”) program gives students access to real life experiences in the workforce. The students in this program not only gain experience in their career fields but also earn high school credit and income. One Co-op student says, “Being in Co-op allows me to learn about career opportunities in my field and gain knowledge on choosing a career and getting the job.” In the Co-op classroom students are continuously working towards achieving success in their career goal. The Co-op class teaches the importance of work safety, professionalism, and confidentiality as well as financial knowledge and other skills used in life after high school. Throughout the years, many students have put their newly learned abilities to good use while working towards reaching their long term career goals.

The LACC Co-op students are held to a high standard, as they are given the responsibility of leaving school early to go to work. They are a representation of their home schools and the Livingston Area Career Center, and are out working in the community on a daily basis.

If you would like more information on the Co-op program, please contact Stephanie Nelson at the Livingston Area Career Center: snelson@pontiac90.org or call (815) 842-2557.



Pictured above: Students in Co-op class work on a team building exercise in class.

LACC SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above: Construction Trades students brave the winter weather while working at the job site for their home build project.

Computer Maintenance and Repair

Computer Maintenance & Repair is a two-year program that teaches students strategies for troubleshooting and maintaining personal computers.

The first year, students gain experience working with power supplies, motherboard components, RAM, expansion cards, printers, monitors, networking equipment, and other computer hardware.

The second year, gives students knowledge and experience in working with computer software and operating systems.

Students in the advanced program will focus on completing modules designed to assess their skills in PC Fundamentals and PC Support Skills. This course also includes an intense review to assure that students have the skills required to take the A+ Certification Test. Obtaining this certification signifies that a student possesses the technical and customer relations skills essential for a successful service technician.

All students develop a professional portfolio that includes a resume, cover letter, and letters of reference. Interview skills are emphasized, along with an intense section covering career paths and college options. Students participate in internship opportunities with local businesses and schools. These internships allow students to gain hands on experience while building professional portfolios.

What are some of the jobs this course can lead you into?

- Computer Maintenance Technician
- Network Analysts
- Computer Support Specialists
- Military Cyber-Security

Area Employers:

- State Farm Insurance
- Netsource Technologies
- Illinois National Guard



Pictured above: A computer maintenance student repairs a computer tower in class.

Regional Students of the Month “February”

<p>Aidan Lee Pontiac Township High School Class: Foods II Instructor: Stephanie Nelson</p>	<p>Allyson Blakeman Pontiac Township High School Class: Smart Technology II Instructor: Doug Masching</p>
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Quotes..

“If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door.”
 Milton Berle