



MOUNTAINEER **CHALLENGE** ACADEMY

Established in 1993

One of the original NGYCP Pilot programs
1st program with “Boots on the Ground”

22 Week Residential Quasi Military Program

First Choice Special Alternative Education Program
in the State

Target Graduation= 300/Year

Total Graduates: 4,515
Includes Graduates from all 55 counties

Awarded HS Diploma Option 2013

Total HS Diplomas: 1,576



The mission of the MCA is to train and mentor selected at-risk youth to become contributing members of society using the Model's 8 Core Components in a quasi-military environment during a 22 – week residential and one year follow-up program.

- Academically At-Risk
- 16-18 years old
- WV resident
- No felony history
- Free of illegal drugs
- Mentally capable
- Physically able



8 Core Components

Citizenship

Service to Community

Job Skills

Leadership/Followership

Life Coping Skills

Academic Excellence

Health + Hygiene

Physical Training

Quasi Military

- Honor Code



- General Orders

MCA Graduates

Employed	45%
Military	18%
VoTech	16%
College	12%
High School	9%



- MCA is recognized as one of the best Youth ChalleNGe Programs in the Nation!
 - 4515 Graduates
 - 1576 HS Diplomas
 - Rated 'Excellent' in past National Evaluations
- Chosen to be 1 of 4 new JOB ChalleNGe Programs





Mountaineer
Job Challenge  Program

Mission

- The mission of Mountaineer JOB ChalleNGe Program (MJCP) is to provide selected MCA program graduates with Career and Technical Education leading to industry recognized certification and job placement within that trade while maintaining the Youth ChalleNGe Program's 8 Core Components in a quasi-military residential environment.

Eligibility

- Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy Graduate
- 17 ½ - 20 years of age
- HS Diploma
- Unemployed or Underemployed
- Drug Free
- Physically and Mentally Capable of Participation

Outcomes

- Vocational/Industry Certification
- Job Placement within field of certification at completion of program
- Positive placement for NGYCP Post Residential Phase

Training Tracks

- Manufacturing Technology
- Medical Technology
- Pre-Apprenticeship
- Horizontal Construction
- Energy Sector

Manufacturing Technology Track

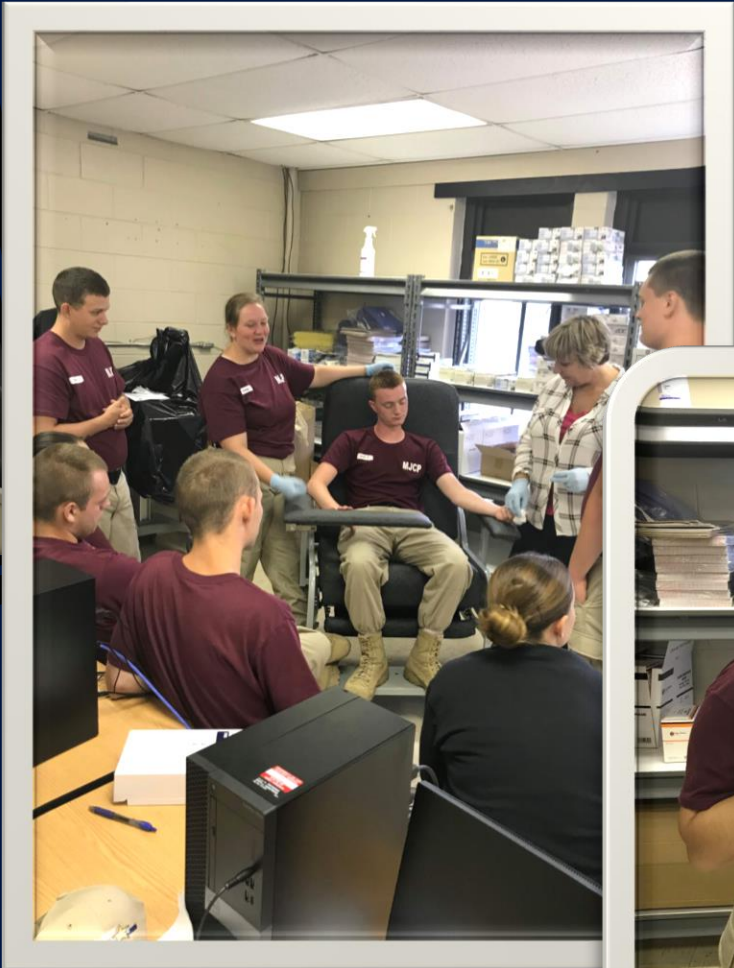
- RCBI: CNC Operator
- Expanded Pre-Apprenticeship Program designed for advanced manufacturing careers
- Instruction in CNC Machine and Metal Lathe set-up, programming and operation
- Computer-Aided Design (CAD) courses
- Additive Manufacturing via 3-D Printing
- ToolingU On-line courses



Medical Technology Track

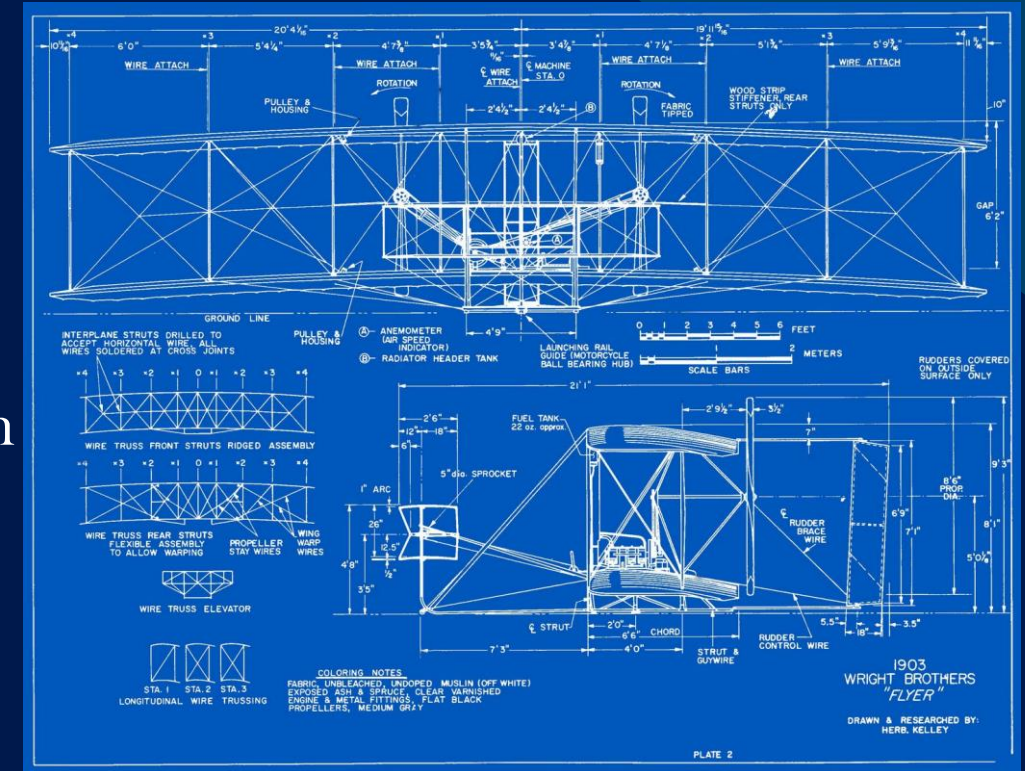
- College credit-based courses in Health Science Technology through Pierpont CTC
- Students complete 3-4 Health Science core classes and then specific ECG and Phlebotomy courses
- Successful completion results in a National Health career Association (NHA) Certification
- Credit hours earned for both core and specific track courses





Pre-Apprenticeship

- Multi Craft Curriculum (MC3) that exposes students to various trade opportunities
- Goal is to train and make students aware of available Apprenticeship programs across different trades
- Students will have the chance to review program prerequisites and work with staff to ensure they fulfill the requirements
- Career Exploration in the construction trades
- National Certification in Flooring





Horizontal Construction

- Heavy Equipment Operations
 - Bulldozers
 - Graders
 - Backhoes
 - Excavators
 - Dump Trucks
 - Scoop Loader



Energy Sector

- Coal Mining – Red Hat
- Oil/Gas – Safe Land, Rig Pass, H2s
- Wind Turbine Maintenance
- Fire/EMS



Employers are asking for Good, Qualified Applicants:

- Physically capable to do the work
- Show up on-time every day for work
- Drug Free
- Disciplined
- Respectful



Partnering with...

- United Talent
- ManPower
- Workforce West Virginia
- Local Unions



Questions???



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