



Where Passion Meets Opportunity

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**RCS Teachers Attend Supply Chain Management Training**

Marketing and Supply Chain Management teachers from Rutherford County Schools recently completed Rutgers University's Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management program.



The program was open to supply chain and marketing teachers from around the county at no cost and consisted of 3 weeks of instruction. Each week covered a different course section and each day included a virtual conference that allowed teachers to have Q&A and discussions around covered topics.

Emily Colbert of Riverdale High School is excited to bring what she learned back to the classroom. "I am grateful to have been offered the opportunity to attend and complete all three courses. Rutgers University is the global leader in supply chain knowledge. Dr. McLaury has put together a thorough project-based learning curriculum that makes it fun for students."

"Supply chain is fascinating. I don't know how we haven't been doing this for years," declared teacher Joey Reed from Eagleville High School.

Once finished, teachers received a certificate verifying completion of eight projects and eight tests per course. Teachers will use those completed projects, tests, and curriculum as resources for teaching students going forward.

Key lessons that teachers are excited to bring back to students include excel practices and planning projects for relevant topics such as ethical sourcing, warehouse management and supply chain disruptions.

"With everything that is currently happening in the economy, the relevance of the topic and issues surrounding supply chain management and global logistics is greater than it has ever been. Students in Tennessee have a wonderful opportunity to get a head start in high school at learning what supply chain management means and even earning industry certifications. Many students have a very limited idea, if any at all, of what career choices are available to them in this pathway. When you get into supplier sourcing, the processes, and the logistics- it's so much more than just a warehouse. There are many careers in the state as well as here in Rutherford County at which these courses could prepare them to be successful," finished Colbert.

The Supply Chain CTE program is offered at Blackman, Eagleville, Holloway, Riverdale, Rockvale, Siegel, Smyrna, and Stewarts Creek High Schools.



**Virtual Jobs Expo Job Seeker Registration Now Open**

Rutherford Works is working to increase employment in our county through our newly launched Ready2Work initiative. The program will launch with a Virtual Jobs Expo. The month-long Jobs Expo starts with one week of job search and career advising sessions followed by four weeks filled with hiring employer showcases. Each advising and employer session will be 30 minutes long and aims to help active job seekers connect with and obtain employment from local companies. Employers who are interested in participating in a showcase session should be on the lookout for a separate registration email.

Interested job seekers can register for the first week of webinars below. Sessions will be held August 31st - September 3rd and cover the following topics:

**August 31st: Filter Through Job Search Jargon**

Learn how employers write job descriptions, understand applications and use local assets to find the job that is right for you!

**September 1st: Discover Training & Upskilling Resources**

Did you know that you can qualify for funds that will cover your training and upskilling costs? This workshop will explain how you can get free funding for training courses and upskill yourself and your resume for a new career!!

**September 2nd: Master Your Interview Prep**

Learn to gain information on a specific job and the company BEFORE you arrive at your interview. Job seekers will not only discuss the essentials to bring with them but also the right questions to be ready to ask any potential employer!

**September 3rd: Achieve Interviewing Success**

Learn to identify, demonstrate and package your skills and personal qualities in ways that will be meaningful to employers upon your first interaction. Techniques for both in-person and virtual job interviews will be covered.

Register for Sessions!

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