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New Castle High School

Educating today's youth has become increasingly challenging. Innovative educators and school districts are always seeking new and better ways to accomplish their goals. We applaud Example High School for partnering with ACES to present this progressive program in economics education. Special thanks go out to the entire administration, faculty, and staff for their vision and commitment.

Business Advisors

The following individuals have generously donated their time as Business Advisors. Their dedication and commitment to young people serves as an example to all of us. We would like to extend our appreciation to them and to their companies and organizations.

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Guest Speakers

Speakers are a vital part of the Pennsylvania Business Week program. These experts in their respective fields present important topics that are not covered in the regular scope of the program. We would like to thank the following individuals for sharing their knowledge and experience.

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