

2022-2023 Annual Report



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Mission

ACES is a nonprofit, non-political educational organization promoting the understanding of free market economics to students, teachers, and the general public through partnerships between the business and education communities.

A Word From Our Chair

ACES continues to leave a monumental impact on students across our region. It was a pleasure to see that ACES was able to provide programming to 10 area schools this year. The lessons and skills that ACES provides go beyond the classroom, with the ultimate goal of creating a better workforce and local economy of the future. Our dedicated Executive Director, Stacy Bartholomew, and Programs Manager, Troy Adams, bring positive energy and enthusiasm each day to make the biggest impact possible. Beyond that, none of this would be possible without our generous donors, valuable volunteers, and partnerships with our many schools and districts. The ACES Board of Directors and myself would like to thank everyone that helps make an impact on these young minds each and every day.

Nathan Ross, Board Chairman

Awards Luncheon

ACES Annual Luncheon returned to honor two crucial members of our Erie community: Valerie Laufenberg was recognized as the 2023 Bob and Betty Merwin Outstanding Citizen, and Sue Bogert of Corry Area School District was recognized as the 2023 ACES Educator of the Year.

To see more about the event, please visit the links below!

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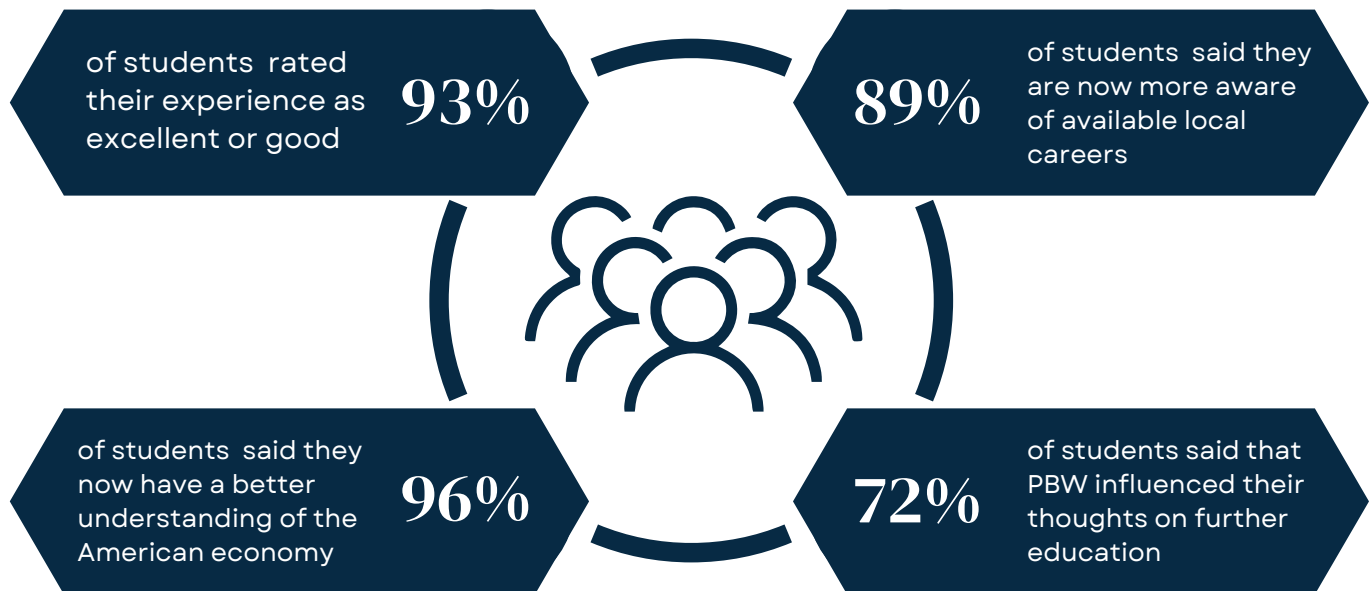
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Pennsylvania Business Week Statistics

ACES has once again brought back Pennsylvania Business Week to nearby schools for the 2022-2023 school year! We are thrilled to share this years following results with you!



***based on 757 completed student evaluations**

\$15,100 in Top Company prize money was awarded to winning student teams in the 2022-2023 Pennsylvania Business Week programming year.

"I had a great time during Business Week. It tested my ability to communicate with others and lead a group. Even if you are not going into business, the skills that come with running a business work in any occupation, and the skills that I learned from this week will follow me throughout the rest of my life."
 ~ PBW Graduate at Hickory High School

Want to bring PBW to your school?

For information on how to bring PBW to your school, visit our website, aceserie.org, or contact ACES Executive Director, Stacy Bartholomew, at 814-456-7007 or stacy@aceserie.org.

Current PBW Schools

ACES would like to thank all of the participating 2023-2024 high schools and their districts for continuing their effort of enriching the lives and education of their students with their ongoing support of the Pennsylvania Business Week program.

Cambridge Springs High School
Junior Class
Principal: Kylene Koper
Coordinator: Vickie Schultz

Corry Area High School
Junior Class
Principal: Andrew Passinger
Coordinator: Susan Bogert

Fort LeBoeuf High School
Junior Class
Principal: Martin Rimpa
Coordinator: Cara Gadley

Girard High School
Junior Class
Principal: Eric Louis
Coordinator: Antonella Spinelli

Greenville High School
Senior Class
Principal: Jeff Keeling
Coordinator: Jennifer Hawthorne

Hickory High School
Senior Class
Principal: Chris Gill
Coordinator: Barb Knauff

Maplewood High School
Junior Class
Principal: Kenneth Wolfarth
Coordinator: Mark Eisert

New Castle High School
Senior Class
Principal: Sean VanEman
Coordinators: Stephanie Gibson & Kim Camerot

Saegertown High School
Junior Class
Principals: Erica Howick
Coordinator: Tim Houck

Union City High School
Junior Class
Principal: Dan Keefer
Coordinator: Anne Conte



"The entire program, from start to finish, is so well organized and run, especially in the manner that students become more involved day to day. I credit the lay-out of the week in such a sequential business order that makes sense to the students."

~ PBW Advisor at Cambridge Springs High School

Check out the results from our current programs by clicking or scanning the QR code!



ACES Financials

Financial Statement

REVENUE & SUPPORT

	<u>May 31, 2023</u>	<u>May 31, 2022</u>
Contributed Services, Volunteers, & In-Kind	\$421,500	\$394,531
PA Business Week Contributions	\$163,443	\$126,857
Corporate, Foundations, Associations & Individual Contributions	\$23,132	\$39,215
Other/Government Stimulus Support	\$1,836	\$18,393
TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT	\$606,239	\$578,996

EXPENSES

Contributed Services, Volunteers, & In-Kind	\$421,500	\$394,531
Instruction, Education & Programming	\$125,397	\$102,716
Administrative	\$54,126	\$43,779
Fundraising	\$15,813	\$15,029
Total Expenses	\$616,836	\$556,055

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

(\$10,597)	\$22,941
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A Word From Our Treasurer

The year ending May 31, 2023 was an exciting and fulfilling period as we brought our Pennsylvania Business Week program to 10 high schools in Erie, Crawford, Mercer, and Lawrence counties. We are so appreciative of the financial support and volunteer services that we continue to receive from local businesses and individuals as we educate our youth on the importance and the strength of the American free enterprise system. This week-long experience changes the trajectory of many of these students' lives as they become more informed on the challenges and opportunities they will face as they prepare for their future. I also salute the talented team of employees that make this PBW program possible!

Jim Ohrn, ACES Treasurer



Thank You to Our Sponsors and Volunteers

We would like to thank each of our donors and volunteers for helping to make our mission possible; we could not exist without you! ACES strives to recognize everyone who has helped make this past year a success. Please accept our apologies and let us know if we unintentionally missed your support.

Additionally, many local businesses in the regions we serve, have generously donated prizes for the student competitions. They are too numerous to list, but we thank them for their generosity.

ACES would also like to thank our anonymous donors.

Major Donors

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 Bernie Blore
 Clay Brocious
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 Carl Parkin
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 Jim Robertson
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 Peter Burton
 Tom Camillo
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 Marlene Jenkins
 Angela Johnson

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 Val Laufenberg
 James Ohrn
 Joe Ribley
 Mark Rose
 Bill Taylor
 Lauren Theisen
 Michael Williams



Volunteer Judges

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Bill West
Mike Williams
Beth Zajac

"The wide variety of speakers is truly beneficial for the students. It is nice to have different members of the community come speak and I think since they are local, they are more impactful.."

~ PBW Advisor at New Castle High School

Golf Outing

In the summer of 2023, ACES held its' very first golf outing to assist in raising funds for our PA Business Week programming. Sponsoring team Northwest (Jeff Frantz, Sam Kennedy, Ryan Carniewski, and Rob Proctor) took first place with a prize of a free round of golf to The Kahkwa Club. We wanted to thank everyone who sponsored and participated to make the event as successful as it was. Due to the event's success and the astounding response from participants the first time around, we have decided to bring it back this year! If you're interested in attending this year's golf outing or want to learn more, then please visit the link below!



Details and Registration

A Word from ACES

Your contributions have already made a significant impact on the lives of countless students, and with your continued support, we can continue to empower the next generation of entrepreneurs and business leaders.

Join us in our mission to provide students with the tools they need to succeed in today's rapidly changing economy and help us build a brighter future for generations to come.

Please consider making a monthly contribution to support our efforts to provide economic education to high school students.

I care!

Your ongoing support will enable us to reach even more students and make a lasting impact on their lives.