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## Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board to Host Internship Summit for National Intern Day

**Youngwood, PA** – The Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board (WFWIB) is pleased to announce its upcoming Internship Summit for its Experience Works! PLUS internship program, set to take place on National Intern Day, July 25, 2024, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will be held at the 2112 Health and Culinary Center, Westmoreland County Community College, located in Youngwood, PA.

Experience Works! PLUS is a successful, year-round internship program designed to coordinate and provide wages to unpaid internship opportunities for postsecondary education students in Westmoreland County and Fayette County. Since 2018, it has supported over 110 interns and 65 worksites from the local area. This 2024 program year, however, is the largest year for the program hosting more than 40 interns at local worksites this summer across the Westmoreland-Fayette area.

The program aims to provide students with paid, relevant career experience in their field of study, preparing them for future employment. Simultaneously, it offers local organizations the chance to host interns at no cost, thus supporting their operations and contributing to the long-term development of the Westmoreland-Fayette workforce development area's future workforce.

This year, the Internship Summit is expected to attract between 40 to 50 interns, including those from the Experience Works! PLUS program, the SWPA BotsIQ internship program, and local employer Premier Automation. Both program-involved and local employers will also be in attendance, creating opportunities for networking and professional growth for interns.

In keeping with traditions from previous years, interns will have the opportunity to get their professional headshots taken for free, courtesy of a former Experience Works! PLUS intern and coordinated by the WFWIB.

The summit will feature an array of informative sessions, including:

- **PA CareerLink® Resources:** Information on the PA CareerLink®, its services, and how it assists job seekers.
- **DEIA in the Workplace:** Insights into Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) and its significance in the modern workplace.
- **Employer Panel:** A Q&A session where interns can ask local employers about employer expectations during interviews, ideal candidate traits, and best practices.
- **Financial Literacy 101:** A comprehensive overview of budgeting, loans, credit, and other financial topics.
- **Safe Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace:** A discussion on the growing role of AI in the workplace and guidelines for navigating it safely.



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Attendees will also be treated to a complimentary breakfast and lunch, making it a full day of learning and networking. This will be the third year the WFWIB will host an in-person Internship Summit of this scale.

Any questions regarding the Internship Summit, the Experience Works! PLUS program, or WFWIB, should be directed to Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board Executive Director Janet Ward by email at [jward@westfaywib.org](mailto:jward@westfaywib.org). Or, please visit the WFWIB website [here](http://www.westfaywib.org).

Press interested in attending this event can contact Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board Youth Programs Specialist Caitlyn Slezak by email at [CSlezak@westfaywib.org](mailto:CSlezak@westfaywib.org).

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#### **About the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board**

The Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board (WFWIB) is a non-profit entity consisting of appointees from the business, education, and labor sectors of Westmoreland-Fayette counties. The board is empowered to lead workforce development activities in Fayette and Westmoreland counties. The WFWIB is funded by the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), which provides funding to federal workforce programs and local Workforce Development Boards. The WFWIB oversees the three PA CareerLink® centers that are located in Westmoreland and Fayette Counties: PA CareerLink® Westmoreland County at Youngwood, PA CareerLink® Fayette County, and PA CareerLink® Alle-Kiski. For more information about the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board, please visit [www.WestFayWIB.org](http://www.WestFayWIB.org). The Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For federal funding information, visit [www.westfaywib.org/resources/](http://www.westfaywib.org/resources/).