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## SOUTHWEST WYOMING MANUFACTURING PARTNERSHIP

### OUR MISSION AND GOALS INCLUDE:

**Awareness** of career opportunities.

**Alignment** of education and skill development for career paths.

**Planning** for what is needed now for future opportunities.

**Results** for how to measure success.



### Greetings!

Welcome to the SWMP newsletter!

Send info or questions to [swmpnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:swmpnewsletter@gmail.com)

[swmpartnership.org](http://swmpartnership.org)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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*March 17: Baggs Career Fair*



Hosted by the CCHEC

# JOB & CAREER FAIR

## JUMPSTART YOUR FUTURE CAREER

March 17th

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Higher ED. Center

360 Whippoorwill Dr.

Baggs, WY.82321

For more information, please Stop By  
the Higher ED or 307-383-6861

**CARBON COUNTY**  
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LITTLE SNAKE RIVER VALLEY



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***March 23 - NextGen Academy***

# SAVE THE DATE



Wyoming  
**WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT**  
COUNCIL



**March 23, 2023**  
LANDER, WY

**Save the Date for the 2023 NextGen Sector Partnership Academy!**

Each regional team will meet with a NextGen facilitator and develop its NextGen Action Plan, which could include:

- Helping your existing sector partnerships seize new opportunities.
- Growing your team of community partners and industry champions.
- Launching a new sector partnership.

Next Gen is a national network of over 100 industry partnerships across 25 states, including Wyoming:

[WWW.NEXTGENSECTORPARTNERSHIPS.COM](http://WWW.NEXTGENSECTORPARTNERSHIPS.COM)

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***March 29: WWCC Career & Transfer Fair***



# Career & Transfer Fair



**Western Wyoming Community College** is hosting its annual Career and Transfer fair on **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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**The Atrium on Western's Campus**

March 29, 2023  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We are now taking applications for employer booths. This is a unique opportunity to find excellent candidates for your business.



**Scan this code to reserve your booth!**

Please let us know who you are, how many chairs to provide, and if you need an outlet.

***April 4: Rawlins Career Fair***

**Businesses & Job Seekers!**

# CAREER FAIR RAWLINS

**April 4, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Jeffrey Center**

315 W. Pine St., Rawlins, WY 82301

**Businesses:** For more information and to reserve a space, please contact the Rawlins Workforce Services office at 307-324-3485 or 307-328-4181.

**Job Seekers:** Bring your resumes and please join us - there are multiple openings and options to explore!

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Western provides equal opportunity in education and employment. Learn more: [westernwyoming.edu/NDS](http://westernwyoming.edu/NDS)

WHAT'S NEW

*Would an intern help your company?*

# Companies Offering

# INTERNSHIP

## OPPORTUNITIES



wants to partner with you to provide our students with real-world experience.

Contact Amy Murphy at  
amurphy@westernwyoming.edu  
to arrange summer internships.



## Safety Note



The Fatality Numbers for Wyoming Highways in 2023 are into the double digits and we are not even out of January. We should all take a few moments to increase our awareness of the world around us as we go through our days. When we leave the house in the morning we don't plan on not coming home, on not seeing the ones we care most about at the end of the day, but it can happen with nothing more than a moment of inattention, a dash of carelessness and be completely out of your control. Even the Emperor of Rome, Marcus Aurelius practiced Memento

Mori, contemplating his mortality and allowing for the fact: "You could leave life right now. Let that determine what you do and say and think." So please be safe as you travel our roadways, and be kind to those around you. We wish you all a long and fulfilling life.



The School of Energy Resources (SER) is working on a project to identify rare earth elements and critical minerals in the Greater Green River Basin and the Wind River Basin. Information about the CORE-CM project can be found in the attached fact sheet.

As part of this project, we are examining the region's infrastructure, industries, businesses, and their supply chains. Below is a survey link to assist SER in gathering this important information. We would greatly appreciate your support.

[https://uwyo.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9NxLZEIDDZfBdzg](https://uwyo.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9NxLZEIDDZfBdzg)

If you have any questions about the survey, or if you would like to be kept up to date on the status of our research, please feel free to reach out to Davin Bagdonas (PI) – [abags@uwyo.ed](mailto:abags@uwyo.ed) or Tiffany Bishop, Project Specialist [tbishop6@uwyo.edu](mailto:tbishop6@uwyo.edu)



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*Celebrates*

## Career & Technical Education Month



*"I started in the program two years ago to improve my chances to get a job at the plants. As a result, I received a position as a Surface Maintenance at Sisecam. The schooling was definitely a main factor in getting the position. My employer supports me by sending me through the classes to acquire additional skills and complete the program."*

**James Von Rembow**  
**Industrial Maintenance Major**

## Focus on Education for SWCSD#2

Kathy Stanton and STEM Staff are Helping Create our Next Generation of STEM Leaders at Lincoln Middle School

This past year Lincoln Middle School was recognized by Project Lead the Way (PLTW) as one of 134 middle schools across the nation considered a Distinguished Gateway program. PLTW is a leader in education for STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics). To be considered for the Distinguished Gateway program, Lincoln Middle School had to have at least 50% of students enrolled in at least one PLTW course, and of those students at least 25% had to enroll in a second course during their time at LMS. Lincoln Middle School is the only school in the state to receive this recognition.



Lincoln Middle School's PLTW program is led by Kathy Stanton. Mrs. Stanton has been teaching STEM for 7 1/2 years of her 22 years in education. In 2018 she wrote a grant to bring PLTW to the district. She is a passionate advocate for her students and the program. "It's important that we expose all students to STEM. We have to show them what they're capable of and open doors for them that they may not know exist in order to prepare them for their future," says Stanton. "Furthermore, providing them opportunities to really think and solve problems and collaborate is equally important. No matter what career students end up in, those soft skills are always in high-demand and will continue to be used throughout their school career as well."

PLTW Gateway (for grades 6-8) opens paths that create meaningful futures. It connects students to careers in areas they can, and can't, imagine and that are in high demand. Through connections to careers and real-world problems, the students imagine, discover, and practice the range of paths and possibilities they can look forward to in high school and beyond. Students begin to lead their own learning and explore computer science, engineering, and biomedical science, boosting classroom engagement and excitement, supporting teamwork, and inspiring deep comprehension. And by challenging themselves to rework and refine their projects, students learn that failure and persistence are keys to learning and innovation.



LMS has been working with PLTW for 6 years and currently has 6 teachers, teaching 9 different PLTW classes: App Creators, Computer Science for Innovators and Makers, Flight and Space, Science of Technology, Magic of Electrons, Green Architecture, Medical Detectives, Design & Modeling and Automation & Robotics.

The PLTW program at Lincoln has brought new excitement and motivation to many students. Numerous students take as many PLTW courses as possible throughout their three years in the building. The hands-on nature of each course gives every student

the opportunity to show what they have learned. Many students who struggle in their core content areas find success in their PLTW courses.

Project Lead the Way is a K-12 program currently in all four elementary buildings and Lincoln Middle School providing students in Kindergarten through 8th grade with hands-on, problem/project based experiences. As students continue to progress through the program, their skills and knowledge of processes continue to grow and develop. It's exciting to think about what the current Kindergartners will be able to do by the time they're in 8th grade with the background knowledge & skills they'll be bringing with them to Lincoln. Students in elementary

school are exposed to all three PLTW pathways, Engineering, Biomedical Science and Computer Science. When they arrive at Lincoln 6th graders take Design & Modeling, a course in the Engineering pathway. In 7th grade they take Computer Science for Innovators and Makers. They also have the option to take any of the other 7 courses in seventh and eighth grade, covering all three pathways giving students a wide range of STEM experiences throughout their middle school career.

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## Sweetwater County School District #1 Career and Technical Education Academy

### What is the CTE Academy?

**The Rock Springs Career Academy Program Offers expanded choices to students. They will be challenged academically and provided with skills to successfully continue to their post secondary career goals.**

**Rock Springs High School Career Academies raise student aspirations and commitment, to increase student achievement, and to focus on college/training and careers simultaneously.**



**The Graduation Rates of learners who complete 2 or more courses within one of our CTE pathways and receive at least 1 industry recognized credential through their concentrator courses (please note this also includes HOCA and APS)**  
2020-2021 school year - 95.65%  
2021-2022 school year - 94.6%

**This exceeds the 82% state average.**

**The current programs involved in the CTE Academy are:**

**Welding: CTSO: Skills USA**

**Metals: CTSO: Skills USA**

**Woods: CTSO: Skills USA**

**Autos: CTSO: Skills USA**

**Business: CTSO: FBLA**

**Computers: CTSO: FBLA/FCCLA**

**Culinary: CTSO: FCCLA**

**Early Childhood: CTSO: FCCLA**

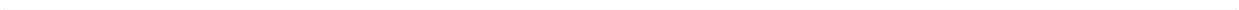
**CAD (Computer Aided Drafting): CTSO: Skills USA**

**Robotics: CTSO: Skills USA**

**Each program allows for students to complete at**

**least 3 credits, allows for job shadows in the industry, opportunities for work experience, and**

**receives certifications in the career field.**





**John Marley**  
*Instructor, Instrumentation  
& Electrical*

## Highlights

John Marley holds an Associate of Applied Science from Western and possesses a Wyoming Low-Voltage Technician general license. John has thirteen years of related industry experience in industry including training experience.

John was employed as an Automation Technician with BPAmerica Production Company in the Wamsutter Field and previously in the Moxa Arch Field. Before joining BPAmerica, he was employed as a Technician with Delcon Services, Inc. and as an Electronics Technician with Timberline Electronics. Additionally, John served in the U.S. Navy as an Avionics Technician.



Explore the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services website for current job openings or to post an opening within your company.



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In 2023 Genesis Alkali will be celebrating two significant milestones: the expansion of our Granger facility, a next generation soda ash manufacturing operation, and the company's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Granger will be among the lowest cost soda ash manufacturing operations in the world using our patented Alkaline brine-based processing technology. Genesis Alkali is proud of employing several generations of reliable, hard working employees over many decades. We are determined to maintain a culture of safety as a core value, support the State of Wyoming and our local communities, and continue to deliver soda ash and sodium specialty products to our customers around the world.

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## *Friendly Reminder . . . .*

### **What is our Purpose and How do we Get There?**

#### ***Purpose:***

#### **Improve outcomes for our students and those seeking career changes**

- **Business, Educators, Government Services and the Community working together to improve**

- **Awareness** of career opportunities
- **Alignment** of education and skill development for career paths
- **Planning** for what is needed now and for future opportunities

- **Results** for how to measure success

- **Awareness**

- Increase awareness of career opportunities within our community
  - Students, Educators, Counselors, Government Agencies, Parents and the Community
- Engagement events and opportunities
  - Career Fairs,

- Jr. High and High School events
- Mentoring and job shadowing etc.
- Engagement & Dialog with the stakeholders

- **Alignment to better prepare our students for careers in our community and beyond**

- Direct from high school including career technical training
- Secondary education, certificate programs, two-year degrees, CTE
- University alignment (pathways and career paths)

- **Planning**

- What is needed now,
  - Where will the opportunities be
  - What will we do to prepare and fill the pipeline?
- Promotion, Communication processes, Scholarships, etc.

- Measurements; Create metrics such as % Secondary Education, % successful career changes

- **Membership**

- **Southwest Wyoming: Carbon, Fremont, Sublette, Sweetwater, Uinta, Lincoln**

**Membership:**

**Core Business Champions:** Fred von Ahrens, Ron Wild, Craig Rood, Matt McQueen, Carl Lembke, Lauren Schoenfeld, Kim Dale, Kelly McGovern, Craig Barringer, Joan Evans, Jed Vigil,

Marty Carollo

**Core Co-Conveners:** Bridget Stewart, Lacey Bluemel, Tosha Garner



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