

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

To foster collaboration between industry, education, and the community to meet the region's workforce demands.

VISION STATEMENT:

To be a catalyst for Southwest Wyoming's industrial growth, powered by a future-ready, skilled workforce. Through strategic partnerships and lifelong learning, we aim to build a sustainable talent pipeline that drives economic prosperity and provides individuals with rewarding career opportunities.

Welcome to the team of business and industry leaders who are dedicated to promoting Southwest Wyoming manufacturing, technology and workforce development.

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Welcome to the SWMP newsletter!

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
9AM - 2PM**

University of Wyoming
College of Health Sciences
(Off of 9th Street)

The University of Wyoming, the Wyoming Department of Education, Wyoming Community Colleges and community partners would like to invite you and your students to an interactive day of exploring health careers. Some you may have heard of, some that may be new!



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WHAT'S NEW

Collaboration in Action: Governor Gordon Meets with Sweetwater County Education and Industry Leaders

Governor Mark Gordon met with leaders from the Southwest Wyoming Manufacturing Partnership (SWMP), Sweetwater County School District #1, Sweetwater County School District #2, and Western Wyoming Community College to discuss the future of education and workforce development in Sweetwater County.

The meeting highlighted the importance of aligning education with industry needs to ensure students are prepared for success in the classroom, the workplace, and beyond.

Key topics included:

- Support from both school districts for the Governor's R.I.D.E. Initiative
- Growth in Career & Technical Education (CTE), vocational training, and work-based learning opportunities
- SWMP's efforts to expand industry mentorship and integrate career readiness into local schools
- An inspiring testimony from a Powerline Technology student, who shared how technical education has shaped her career goals and future opportunities

"This type of collaboration between K-12, higher education, and industry partners is essential to strengthening Wyoming's workforce," said Governor Gordon. "By working together, we are building a strong foundation for students and for the future of our state's economy."

The event underscored the value of continued partnerships among schools, colleges, and local industries to equip Sweetwater County students with the skills needed for long-term success.



Pictured: Dr. Cooper – Superintendent, SCSD #2; Dr. Libby – Superintendent, SCSD #1; Dr. Young – President, WWCC; Governor Mark Gordon; Beth Gard – Interim VP for Academic Affairs, WWCC; Crystal Reyes – Director of Workforce Development, WWCC; and Ryan Bledsoe – SWMP Business Champion.



Interested in learning more about the Idaho National Laboratory? Join one of their upcoming virtual tours. Below is the schedule of tours as well as a link to register.

- **Monday, Aug. 25, 10-10:45 a.m.**
• INL Facilities: Includes Advanced Test Reactor, Transient Reactor Test Facility, Hot Fuel Examination Facility and Energy Systems Laboratory
- **Monday, Sept. 8, 10-10:45 a.m.**
• EBR-I: Walk through the world's first nuclear power plant, Experimental Breeder Reactor-I, from the comfort of your computer.
- **Monday, Sept. 22, 10-10:45 a.m.**
• Nuclear 101: A basic primer on how nuclear energy works and the effects of radiation.
- **Monday, Oct. 6, 10-10:45 a.m.**
• 52 Reactors: A quick look at all the reactors built at INL

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WILD WEST WELLNESS: ISSUE THREE

Beat the Heat: Stay Cool, Stay Sharp, Stay Safe
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ROCK SPRINGS, WY — Wyoming summers come fast and fierce, especially when you're working outdoors or in heat-heavy environments like construction sites, oil rigs, truck cabs, or metal shops. For welders, miners, linemen, and heavy equipment operators, heat isn't just uncomfortable, it's dangerous. Long days under the sun or inside non-cooled work zones raise your risk for exhaustion, dehydration, and mental fatigue. Your body has to work harder to regulate temperature, and when it can't, performance suffers—and health takes a hit.

Warning signs of heat stress?

Fatigue, dizziness, rapid heartbeat, muscle cramps, nausea, confusion, and excessive sweating (or suddenly *no* sweating at all). Left unchecked, it can lead to heatstroke—a medical emergency.

How do you stay Hydrated? in the hot weather Hydrate constantly—not just when you're thirsty. Drink at least 8–10 cups of water daily. Add electrolytes if you're sweating heavily. Avoid energy

drinks and soda. Fuel with cooling foods. Cucumbers, berries, watermelon, oranges, leafy greens, and Greek yogurt help regulate temperature and hydrate your cells. Take micro-breaks in the shade. Even 3–5 minutes out of the heat can reset your core temperature. Use cooling towels or neck wraps. These simple tools can lower your skin temperature and keep you more comfortable without interrupting your work.

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Western Wyoming Community College is looking for individuals who want to give back to their profession. Current openings for a Substation, Powerline, Industrial Maintenance and/or Electrical and Instrumentation Instructors. If you or someone you know would be interested, please apply online at
<https://www.westernwyoming.edu/about/employment/faculty.php>

Western has a great team, and we are looking forward to adding talented faculty members who want to share their expertise and knowledge with the future workforce.

How Business and Industry Help Prepare

Students for Success

Preparing high school students with critical professional skills is vital for their success after graduation. Businesses and industries can play a pivotal role in this process by engaging with schools to create opportunities that go beyond traditional classroom learning. These collaborations bridge the gap between academic knowledge and practical skills, ensuring that students graduate with the tools they need to thrive in their careers.

Read below to discover ways that business and industry can directly impact how students are prepared for

successful future careers.

Internship and Apprenticeship Programs

Establishing internship and apprenticeship programs allow students to gain hands-on experience in a professional environment. Businesses can partner with schools to provide structured programs where students earn credit while working alongside professionals to learn practical skills and gain insights into various industries.

Mentorship Initiatives

Providing high school students with professional mentors in a chosen field of interest can provide them with invaluable guidance and connections. Mentorship activities, which may consist of regular meetings, discussions, and shadowing experiences, provide students with a realistic understanding of different career paths and the skills necessary for success in those fields.

Workshops and Skill Development Sessions

Organizing workshops on essential professional skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and time management can greatly benefit students. Industry professionals can lead these sessions, sharing their expertise and real-world insights.

Guest Lectures and Career Talks

Inviting professionals to speak at high schools can broaden students' horizons, and inspire them to explore various career options. These talks can cover industry trends, career pathways, or the importance of specific skills.

Real-Life Projects and Challenges

Collaborating with schools to present students with real-life projects or challenges to solve in coursework. This type of hands-on experience encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and innovation, while exposing students to the dynamics of working on practical tasks.

Industry-Relevant Curriculum Input

Partnering with schools to align high school curricula with the skills and knowledge required in the job market can help ensure that students are learning relevant information to attain in-demand skills.

Networking Opportunities

Facilitating networking events where students can interact with professionals from different industries helps them build connections and interest early on. These interactions can provide insights, potential career opportunities, and valuable contacts for the future.

Scholarships, Grants, and Sponsorships

Supporting scholarships, grants, or sponsorships to fund new programs encourages students to pursue higher education or certifications in their chosen fields.



Unlock Your Future: Share Your Internship Interests!

We want to hear from you! Help us tailor our internship programs to better suit your career aspirations and interests. Your insights will guide us in creating opportunities that align with your goals and passions. Take a few minutes to complete our survey and shape the future Southwest Wyoming's internship offerings. Your feedback is invaluable!

[Click for Survey](#)

Shape the Future of Internships: We Need Your Expertise!

We're reaching out to industry leaders like you to help us design internship programs that truly prepare the next generation of professionals. Your insights and experiences are invaluable in creating opportunities that align with industry needs and expectations. Please take a few minutes to complete our survey and share your thoughts. Together, we can build a brighter future for interns and the industry alike!

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When it comes to restoring and preparing industrial surfaces, **Barch Industries LLC** is proud to be a trusted leader in **industrial abrasive blasting**. From removing years of corrosion to prepping new steel for high-performance coatings, abrasive blasting is where our craftsmanship and precision truly shine.

Our crews are equipped with the tools and expertise to tackle projects in some of the **most demanding industrial environments in the Mountain West**. We routinely work in areas with **extreme temperatures, airborne particulates, chemical exposure, and tight mechanical constraints** — conditions that require planning, adaptability, and a relentless focus on quality. Just as importantly, we understand that not all blasting is heavy-duty. We also perform work that demands **delicate substrate preparation**, using methods and media tailored to prevent damage while achieving the desired finish. In any challenging environment, our team maintains speed, accuracy, and efficiency without compromising safety or results.

Our Process in Action

Every abrasive blasting project starts with assessing the surface and selecting the right blasting media — from steel grit for heavy corrosion removal to softer abrasives for more delicate applications. The work area is then contained to protect nearby operations and collect residual media. Using high-pressure delivery systems, we remove rust, coatings, scale, or contaminants until the substrate meets the specified surface cleanliness. This ensures coatings adhere properly and last under demanding conditions.

Why Our Abrasive Blasting Stands Out

- **Versatility** — We work with a wide range of blasting media to suit each project's material and performance requirements.
- **Precision & Safety** — Every project is approached with a focus on protecting both our crew and the surrounding equipment, ensuring minimal disruption to ongoing operations.
- **Environmental Responsibility** — We take great care to manage blasting processes in ways that protect surrounding areas, minimize environmental impact, and properly contain debris and media.
- **Longevity** — Proper surface preparation means coatings and repairs last longer, saving our clients time and cost in the long run.

For us, abrasive blasting isn't just a step in the process — it's a craft. The quality of our work at this stage directly impacts the performance of everything that follows, and we take that responsibility seriously.





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