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### **Celebrate In-Demand Jobs Week with Virtual Career Fair for High School Students on May 6**

The Area 20 Workforce Development Board (WDB) is partnering with local high schools and career readiness programs to offer a Virtual Career Fair on Thursday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. More than 50 businesses will be participating in the career fair which will help students find a career path after high school.

In-Demand Jobs Week began on May 3 and is a way to highlight great careers that are available throughout the state. The Area 20 Virtual Career Fair is focused on businesses in Fairfield, Hocking, Pickaway, Ross, and Vinton counties. Local hospitals, manufacturers, logistics companies, restaurants, and skilled trade businesses are among industries represented that will interview graduating students for jobs. There are also summer job opportunities for students that will be going to college or returning to high school in the fall.

The Career Fair is in partnership with Pickaway Works and the Fairfield 33 Alliance's Career Readiness program. Each program works with students in schools in their respective counties to introduce them to local careers and to prepare them for jobs after high school. The local OhioMeansJobs Centers are also participants in the career fair, and while the fair is tailored to local students, it's available to all job seekers.

"There are plenty of great jobs out there in all of our communities," said Rick Szabrak, Executive Director of the Area 20 WDB. "Virtual Career Fairs are new and a great way to use technology to connect job seekers and employers. It will also be a great experience for local students to see what local job opportunities are out there."

Job seekers and students can register at <https://portal.premiervirtual.com/event/register-jobseeker/7242-pickaway-works-fairfield-career-readiness-fair> or visit [www.Fairfield33.com](http://www.Fairfield33.com) for more information. Once registered, they can log in through any web enabled device to learn more about the companies participating. On May 6, they simply connect to the career fair and can have virtual discussions with representatives of the companies.

"We're excited for the opportunity these students have to start careers right after high school," said Christy Mills, Executive Director of Pickaway Works. "We're confident that these businesses will find great candidates that they can hire, train, and develop into long-term employees."

For more information about the career fair or any of the programs listed above, please contact Rick Szabrak at [Rick.Szabrak@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov](mailto:Rick.Szabrak@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov).

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