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The Fairfield 33 Development Alliance, in partnership with Fairfield County school's Business Advisory Council, is hosting the first ever Career Readiness Expo on April 4, 2019. The event will be held from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Fairfield Career Center, 3985 Coonpath Rd NW, Carroll, OH 43112.

The event is open to all juniors and seniors in the county along with their parents. It will introduce local careers to these students, many of whom can start working immediately after high school.

"Many employers in the county, and throughout Central Ohio, are having difficulty in finding employees with skill sets needed to fill our jobs," said Steve Wells, CEO of Fairfield National Bank and Chair of the 33 Development Alliance. "There are plenty of students who are ready and willing to start their career, and this Expo will connect them to employers that can offer them a good job and a great path forward."

There will be more than 30 local employers at the event. Local hospitals, skilled trade businesses and organizations, manufacturers, banks, government entities, and other businesses will be represented. Students can bring resumes to apply for jobs, and information about career pathways will be available for individuals who wish to further their education.

"There are approximately 700 students a year in Fairfield County who graduate high school and don't immediately pursue further education," said Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development Director. "Many students and parents are unaware of the great careers offered right here in Fairfield County.

"My hope is that parents will also attend the Expo and look at these careers the same way parents look at colleges. They can help their children pick the right career and see that many local employers offer tuition reimbursement to help pay for college."

Students or parents can sign up at Fairfield33.com. It is free for businesses to have a table. Sign up forms are available at Fairfield33.com. Email Rick Szabrak at Rick.Szabrak@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov.