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## *Fairfield County to Host Second Annual Engineering Technology Summer Camp*

**Lancaster, Ohio** – The Fairfield 33 Alliance will host its second annual Engineering Technology Summer Camp from July 9 – 13 for students entering eighth and ninth grades, and July 16 – 20 for students entering their Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. The camp will be held at Ohio University Lancaster’s Engineering Technology lab and is open to students who will be enrolled at a Fairfield County school or are home-schooled and reside in Fairfield County. There is no cost to attend the camp.

The 33 Alliance is partnering with Ohio University Lancaster and Lancaster City Schools to show students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) how products evolve from concept to reality. The camp will be facilitated by Gina Orr, instructor at Ohio University Lancaster’s Engineering Technology Lab, and Angela Hoy, STEM teacher for Lancaster City Schools.

“There are so many rewarding career paths in manufacturing,” said Gina Orr. “I’m hoping that this camp will give students a glimpse at the variety of options in the industry and that the paths are endless.”

“Last year’s camp was such a success that we are thrilled to be able to extend it to the older high school students,” said Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic Development Director. “Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are at a pivotal age where they are trying to figure out their futures; the manufacturing industry in Fairfield County is booming and we want to expose the students to these great jobs that offer a great income right here in their backyard.”

As part of the program, students will tour local manufacturers like Midwest Fabricating to see how what they learn in the classroom comes to life. Students will also work on a project during the camp which will be showcased during a presentation on the final day. They will get to see advanced machinery and 3D printers at work as well as an introduction into design.

“Today’s technical jobs, and certainly those in the future, will require education beyond high school,” said Jim Smith, Dean of Ohio University Lancaster, said. “The engineering technology associate degree program area that summer camp students will be exposed to provides a local affordable pathway for students to enter careers that are interesting, in demand and well paid. The campus is proud to be part of this economic development effort.”

For more information or to apply, go to [Fairfield33.com](http://Fairfield33.com) or contact Rick Szabrak at [Rick.Szabrak@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov](mailto:Rick.Szabrak@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov) or 740-652-7160. A limited number of spots are available and the application deadline is April 12. Participants will be selected based on review of applications and notified by April 27.