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WAYNESBURG – The Challenge Program Inc., a regional nonprofit organization that motivates high school students and introduces them to careers in their communities, will visit schools in Greene County this fall to introduce students to the program through an orientation assembly.

The program contributes to regional economic and workforce development by partnering businesses with high schools to help students understand the relevancy between high school education and future workforce success.

This year's orientation assembly will involve having student volunteers participate in a mock interview challenge to demonstrate how developing the right work habits and behaviors will set them apart from other jobseekers.

Each interview question will be directly linked with one of The Challenge Program Inc.'s five award categories – attendance, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), community service, academic improvement and academic excellence.

All students in the sophomore, junior, and senior classes will be eligible to compete for financial incentives for their performances in these five award categories throughout the school year.

“When companies are hiring, they are looking for employees who exhibit the qualities and characteristics that The Challenge Program Inc. promotes,” said Barbara Grandinetti, executive director for The Challenge Program Inc. “The goal of this year's Orientation is to help students understand that developing good work habits in high school will translate to success beyond the classroom.”

For more information on participating in or becoming a business partner to The Challenge Program Inc., call 814-533-7401 ext. 100. To find out when The Challenge Program Inc. is visiting participating high schools, view the events calendar at <http://www.tcpinc.org/about/Events>.

Since 2003, through the generous support of businesses, foundations and individuals, The Challenge Program Inc. was introduced to more than 465,000 students and has awarded more than \$2.45 million.

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