

New Castle participating in jobs program

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New Castle students will partner with Golden Hill Nursing Home for a presentation of The Challenge Program Inc.

The Challenge Program, a regional non-profit organization that motivates high school students and introduces them to careers in their communities, will visit New Castle High School at 8 a.m. Friday for a 40-minute program.

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, according to The Challenge Program.

Students will be introduced to the program through an orientation assembly, where high school students will participate in interviews with officials from the local nursing home.

The assembly will involve students volunteering to 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'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 are 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.

"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."

More information on participating in or becoming a business partner to The Challenge Program is available by calling (814) 533-7401, extension 100.

To find out when The Challenge Program is visiting participating high schools, view its events calendar at <http://www.tcpinc.org/about/Events>.