

Consol Energy contributes \$30K to student reward program

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WESTON — CONSOL Energy contributed \$30,000 to The Challenge Program Inc. to support efforts to motivate and reward students during the 2014-15 school year at Lewis County High School and five other high schools.

The Challenge Program Inc. is a local nonprofit organization that connects business with education to expose students to career opportunities in their own communities and equip them with the skill sets they need to be successful in the workforce. CONSOL Energy has partnered with the program since the 2007-08 school year.

Through the program, representatives from CONSOL Energy have the opportunity to speak at schoolwide assemblies to educate high school sophomores, juniors and seniors about the energy industry. Representatives also relate how The Challenge Program Inc.'s five award categories — Attendance, Academic Improvement, Academic Excellence, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and Community Service — serve as the basic building blocks to attaining future employment.

“CONSOL Energy believes a sound education system is the foundation of every great community. By engaging students and supporting educational programs, we help mentor future community leaders, increase economic prosperity and build a diverse, highly skilled workforce,” said Tommy Johnson, vice president of government and public relations for CONSOL Energy.

Other high schools that were partnered with CONSOL Energy for the 2014-15 school year were: Homer-Center High School in Homer City, Pennsylvania; Moon Area High School in Moon Township, Pennsylvania; Parkway West Career and Technology Center in Oakdale, Pennsylvania; Waynesburg Central High School and West Greene High School, both in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.



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Pictured are Loren King, foreman, facilities, with CONSOL Energy, and Scott Sakai, principal of West Greene High School. Through The Challenge Program Inc., CONSOL Energy partners with West Greene and five other high schools.