

**BRINGING CAREERS TO LIFE,
MAKING A DIFFERENCE.**

WEST VIRGINIA
K-12 SPEAKERS
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A STATEWIDE PLATFORM TO CONNECT TEACHERS WITH LOCAL PROFESSIONALS TO HELP STUDENTS VISUALIZE THEIR MOST PROMISING FUTURES.

SPEAKERS

Share stories, on-the-job experiences, expertise, knowledge, trials, tribulations, and rewarding opportunities.

TEACHERS

Expose students to inspirational West Virginians and their careers, generating excitement in the classroom.

STUDENTS

Learn about interesting, in-demand careers in West Virginia that can broaden future prospects.

SCHOOLS CHOOSE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Pop-Up Event

Host a speaker at your school in a small classroom setting for a more personalized session or in a large space to accommodate more students.



Speaker Series

Hold a speaker series. Schedule multiple speakers to visit your school throughout the academic year to speak to specific grade levels/classes.

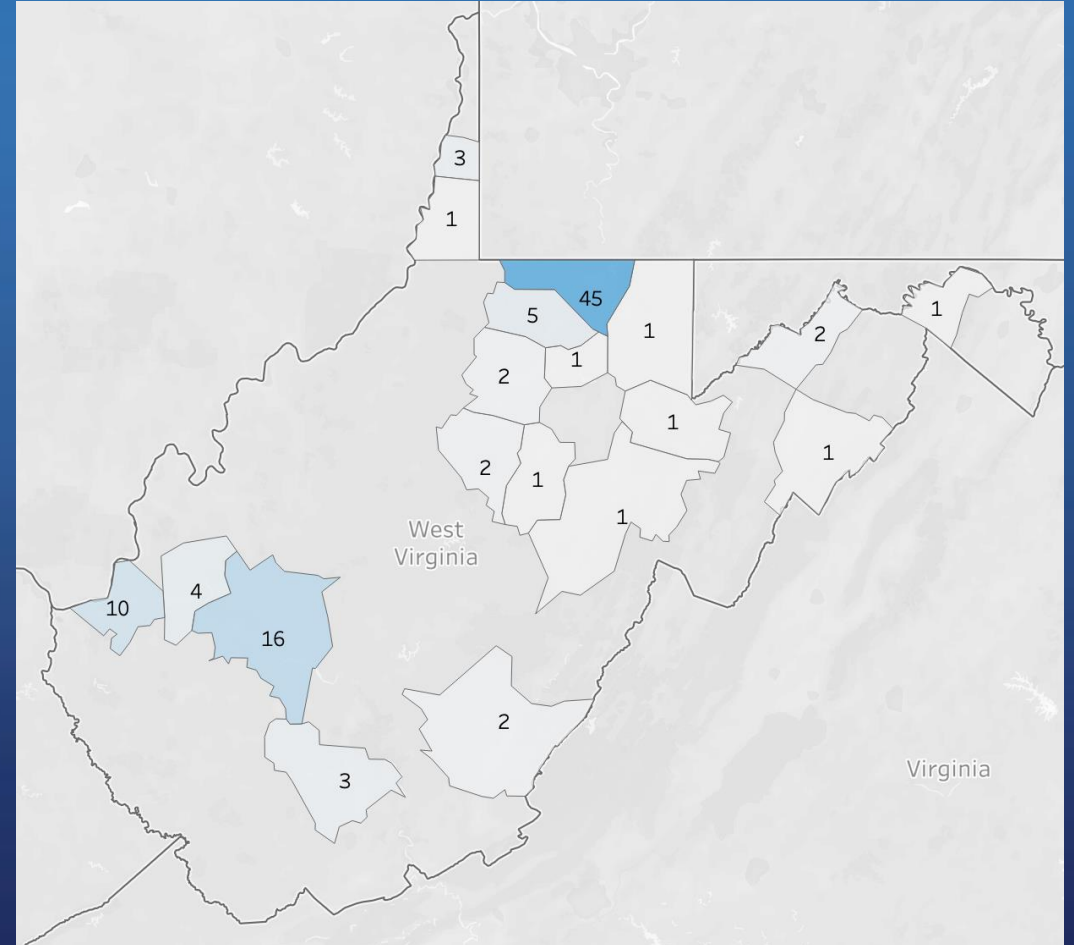


Fireside Chat or Panel

Invite more than one speaker to talk to your class or grade in a panel format. Speakers can be from the same company or organization, and/or from the same field. Someone from your school or local community can moderate the discussion.

West Virginia K-12 Speakers Bureau Network

**102 speakers located
around the state.**



Speakers Cover WVDE Career Clusters

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	Architecture and Construction	Arts, AV and Communications	Business Management and Administration
Education and Training	Finance	Government and Public Administration	Health Sciences
Hospitality and Tourism	Human Services	Information Technology	Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
Manufacturing	Marketing	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)	Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

Resources for Speakers, Teachers, and Students



[Tips for a memorable speaker visit](#)



[Speakers Bureau PowerPoint slides](#)



[Teacher tips to optimize the student experience](#)



[Teacher Post-Visit Form](#)



[Student Reflection Form](#)

South Middle School Pilot Program



South Middle School

With the help of the school counselor, the WVPEC organized speaker visits once a month for seventh and eighth grade students during their career exploration period.



South Middle School Pilot Program

Speaker	Organization	Sector(s)
Dominick Claudio	CEO of Claudio Corporation	STEM (STEAM), Business Management and Administration, Entrepreneurship
Chase Thomas, Blake Moran, Harry Hayes, Tim Broyles	Clear Mountain Bank	Finance
Jennifer Schwertfeger	Program Manager of STEAM TAC	STEM (STEAM), Education and Training
Junius Lewis	President and Pastor of Junius Lewis Ministries	Health Sciences, Finance, Education and Training
Ashok Aggarwal	Co-Founder and Managing Partner of M&S Consulting	Government and Public Administration, Health Sciences, STEM (STEAM), Marketing, Finance, Education and Training, Business Management and Administration
David Allaway	Director of Development for WVU Alumni Association	Business Management and Administration
Brandon Downey	President and Founder of Trilogy Innovations	Information Technology



Keys to Success

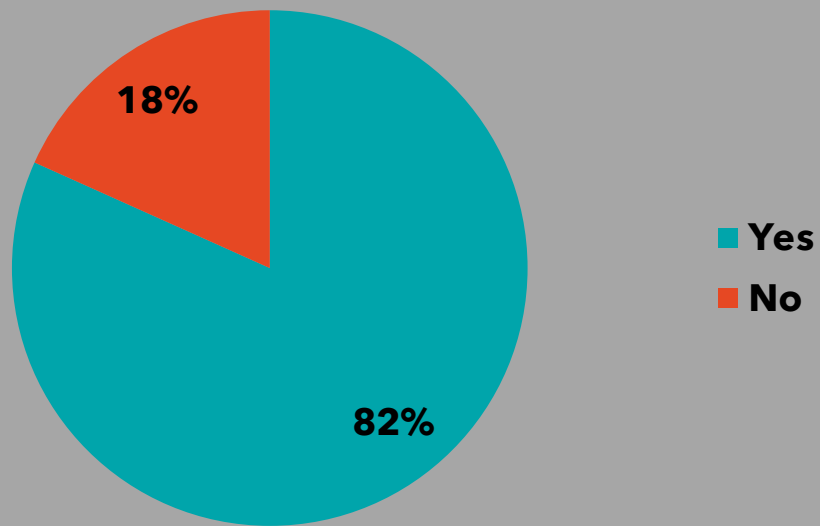


- Schools show a commitment to bringing diverse professionals and real-world learning to their students.
- It's helpful for one school liaison to help coordinate speaker visits.
- It's helpful for the school administration to support and champion speaker visits.

South Middle School Student Feedback

Seventh Grade

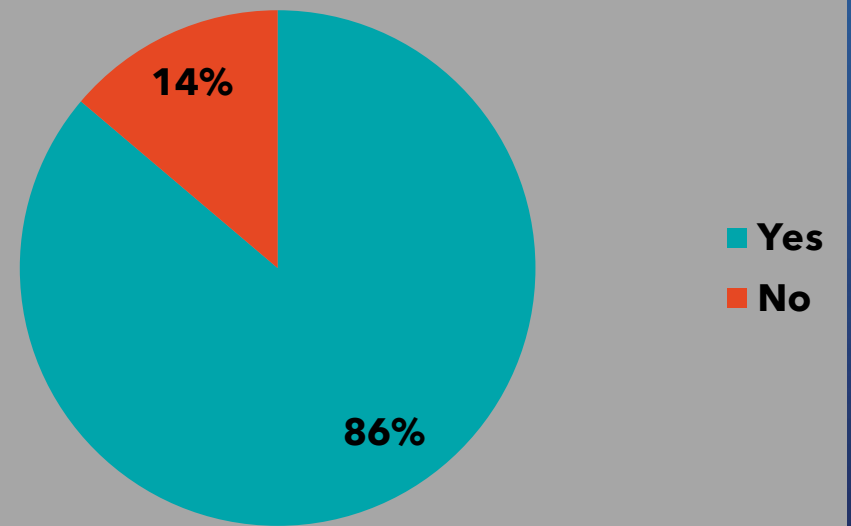
I learned at least one new thing that I didn't know before from this speaker.



525 Responses

Eighth Grade

I learned at least one new thing that I didn't know before the speaker.



514 Responses

Average responses across the pilot program.

Media Coverage

The Dominion Post
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A photograph of a man in a suit addressing a group of students seated in a gymnasium.

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K-12 Speakers Bureau relaunches at South Middle School with pilot program

by: Jordan Massey
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SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (WBOY) — After being shut down for several years, the K-12 Speakers Bureau program is being brought back by the West Virginia Public Education Collaborative (WVPEC). This

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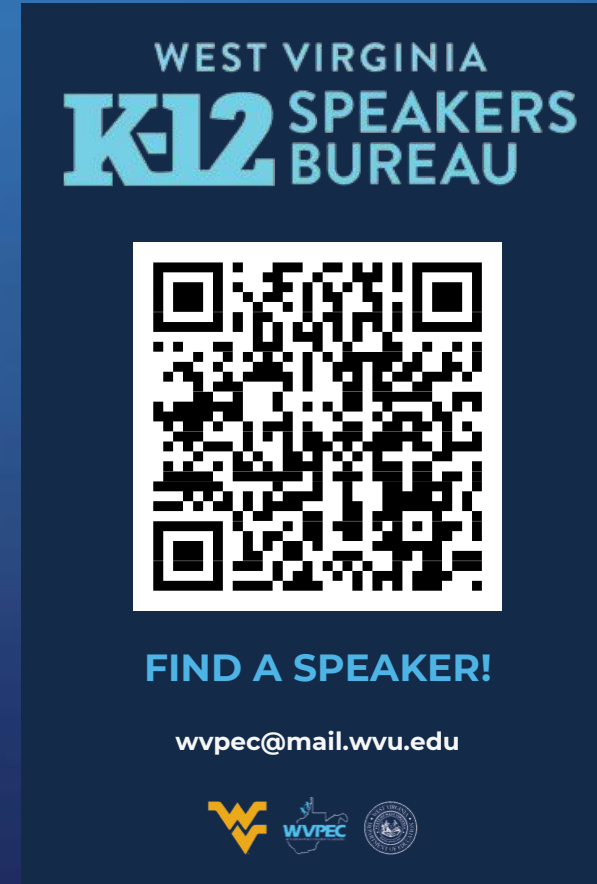
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A video player showing the exterior of South Middle School.

New Promotional Materials



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