



2026 NTRPDC Full Commission Meeting



The NTRPDC Full Commission Meeting was recently held on Friday, April 17th at VFW Post 5642 in Montrose, PA. A highlight of the meeting was the recognition of the outstanding contributions made by Rosemary Franssen who received the Craig Harting Committee Member of the Year award for her leadership and dedication to the NTRPDC mission. Rosemary serves on our Workforce Development Board and has contributed her time and expertise to a variety of NTRPDC events and endeavors. We also recognized Golis Machine Inc. as Business of the Year. Founded in 1972, Golis Machine specializes in complex machining for the aerospace, medical, defense, and energy industries. The company has also actively utilized a variety of NTRPDC services over the years, including business financing, procurement, participation in the Manufacturing Industry Partnership, and engagement in the “What’s So Cool About Manufacturing?” program.

The meeting also featured guest speaker Ryotaro Tashiro, Outreach Economist and Advisor with the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, who provided valuable insight into current economic conditions and trends. His presentation offered perspective on broader economic forces impacting our local communities, helping to frame further conversations around workforce and regional growth.

We would like to thank everyone who attended!



What's So Cool About Manufacturing



On Friday, April 10th, the WSCM Expo and Awards Ceremony was hosted at the Towanda High School to highlight this year's WSCM participants. Most of the manufacturers that had videos set up hands-on experiences for all of the students that participated this year. Masters Concrete and students created miniature concrete bricks, Westlake Royal Building Products had a battery-powered forklift experience and a product puzzle, Golis Machine had product identification opportunities, Highland Chocolate offered quality control tastings, E-Tech Industrial had tool exploration, and GTP explored density of products with students. Pennsylvania College of Technology also provided students with a take-home STEM kit in honor of the event.

Awards winners were as follows: Best Manufacturing Process – Towanda with E-Tech Industrial, Viewer's Choice – Cowanesque Valley with Westlake Royal Building Products, Northern Tier Influence – North Penn Liberty with Highland Chocolates, and Overall – North Penn Mansfield with Wheeland Lumber. North Penn Liberty and North Penn Mansfield will be moving on to the Best of PA presentation for a statewide competition on May 13.



Bradford-Sullivan Career Day 2026

Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission (NTRPDC) held the annual Bradford-Sullivan Career Day at Towanda High School on Thursday, March 19th. More than 700 students in grades 6-12 from 9 schools in Bradford and Sullivan counties (Athens, Canton, Grace Christian Academy, Northeast Bradford, Sullivan County, Towanda Elementary, Towanda HS, Troy and Wyalusing) had the opportunity to meet with employers to learn about local careers and career pathways.

The goal of Career Day is to increase career awareness and provide a glimpse into the various career pathways that are available in the Northern Tier Region in hopes of retaining the region's workforce for tomorrow. 38 businesses and organizations (which was the most ever at the event) had representation available to share educational and training requirements for specific careers as well as jobs responsibilities and work environments related to those careers. A variety of industries were represented at the event including but not limited to healthcare, finance, manufacturing, agriculture, oil & gas and human services.

Virtual reality headsets were provided again this year by NTRPDC for students to have another avenue to learn about different occupations. More than 70 students utilized the VR headsets to explore more than 55 careers offered through their career education software. Knee surgery as a surgical tech and fixing farm equipment as a diesel technician were two of the most popular career simulations utilized during Career Day.

NTRPDC would like to thank all of the presenting businesses and organizations for participating, Towanda School District for hosting, all of the districts who sent students and the students who attended. This event is important for the future of our region and would not be possible without such wonderful partnerships. Thanks to Spalding Memorial Library who donated 3 iPads to students who won the raffle they had at their table.



Upcoming Events

Employment

Training



Education

Join us at the Mansfield Fire Hall to learn about career resources available to help you decide "What's Next?" on your career path.

FREE FOOD
Thursday, May 21st, 2026
RAFFLE
5:30-7:30PM

Event is open to young adults aged 18-24 and their support systems.
 Hiring employers on-site and accepting resumes for entry-level positions.



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SAVE THE DATE!

3RD ANNUAL BUSINESS SUMMIT

TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH

BRADFORD COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY
CENTER

NORTH TOWANDA,
BRADFORD COUNTY

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

MARK C. PERNA

Join dynamic performance and generational expert Mark C. Perna as he presents groundbreaking insights and proven strategies for engaging today's younger generations. This event is designed for educators, employers, parents, and community leaders seeking effective ways to bridge generational gaps, improve engagement and retention, and equip young people with a lasting competitive advantage.

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SESSION SCHEDULE:

Morning:

Tailored for **businesses** and **employers**

Afternoon:

Designed for **front-line school staff, teachers, superintendents,** and **principals**

Evening:

Open to the **public,** including **parents** and **students**

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

Career Camp Opportunities

Agricultural Career Camp

July 14th-16th, 2026

8:30AM-4:00PM

North Penn-Mansfield High School

73 W. Wellsboro Street, Mansfield PA 16933



Come explore your future! Ag Career Camp includes career presentations and demonstrations, daily industry field trips, lunch, and fun activities; AND it's a great place to make new friends!

Camp is FREE and open to students entering 6th-9th grade in 2026/2027

REGISTER
HERE



For more details, email
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BRADFORD COUNTY SESSION

For students in grades 9-12 interested
in a career in Healthcare.

Learn about nursing, physical therapy,
first aid, rehabilitation & more.
Visit a local medical facility.
Connect with professionals.

Host Site:
Northern Tier Career Center
Towanda, PA

Sponsored by the Northeast Healthcare Industry Partnership

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