

# Switzerland of Ohio H.E.L.P.

Higher Education & Learning Partnership

## PROGRESS REPORT — 2014 & 2015

H.E.L.P. is a regional non-profit helping to identify transition points in education where students may experience difficulty or need additional support. The partnership's primary goal is to significantly increase the advancement of education or training rates beyond high school and with adults through college enrollment and vocational, skills or military training opportunities. The initial P-16 meeting was held in July 2009. **Volunteers and community support are needed.**



### 2014 & 2015 Accomplishments

- **Conducted Appalachian Access study with Seniors from Switzerland of Ohio Local School District. Worked with Ohio University Voinovich School to compile Senior Study results; provided data to district and community (via news release to area media)**  
Modeled after the Ohio University Access and Success study of Appalachian Ohio, the survey was completed by 140 graduating seniors in the district this past Spring. Results were compiled by The Ohio University Voinovich Center for Leadership.

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[www.facebook.com/HigherEducationLearningPartnership](http://www.facebook.com/HigherEducationLearningPartnership)

### Hosted the Annual College & Career Fair

We had 156 students (up from 85 in 2013) plus an est. 168 parents and guests! There were more than 30 exhibitors and 15 volunteers. Nearly 369 attended (*up from 215 in 2013!*) **Event Sponsors:** H.E.L.P; Belmont College; Buckeye Hills; Kiwanis Club; Monroe Soil & Water; Noble County Community Foundation; Ohio Univ. Eastern; Monroe OSU Extension; Shopko and South Central Power.





**Above:** Juniors across the District benefitted from an ACT Preparation Course from grants from Gulfport and the Kiwanis Club of Woodsfield. Nearly 75 students from all four schools, BHS, MCHS, RHS & Swiss Hills participated. **At right:** HELP supported 8th Grade Career Days with funding from The Dominion Foundation.

### Secured Grants

- Secured donations from **Shopko, Woodsfield Kiwanis Club and Noble Co. Community Foundation** to support the 2014 College & Career Fair.
- Secured \$2,000 from **Gulfport** for ACT Preparation
- Secured funds from **Dominion Foundation** to host 8th Grade Career Days.
- Secured \$4,500 from **Statoil & WES PTO** for the Woodsfield Elementary Science Lab. **Since 2009, H.E.L.P. has secured nearly \$50,000 in grants for efforts in the Switzerland of Ohio Local District.**



Members of HELP, worked regionally to support the launch of the Appalachian Ohio P-20 Council serving 8 counties in the greater region. **Learn more at: [www.aop20.org](http://www.aop20.org).**

### H.E.L.P. Partners

#### The 2014-15 Leadership

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- **Barbara Hastings** — GMN
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- **Marsha Lewis,**  
OU Voinovich School of  
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- **Jennifer Lohman** — COAD
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- **Ed Paulus** — Kiwanis
- Monroe Commissioner —  
**Mick Schumacher**
- **Billie Walters** — ABLE Program
- **Switzerland of Ohio Local  
School District:**  
**John Hall** – Supt.; BHS, MCHS,  
RHS & Swiss Hills Guidance  
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