



# IU1

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1  
Fayette-Greene-Washington

## INTERCONNECTED

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### SPOTLIGHT ON THE STUDENTS

At Brownsville High School, the Learning Support and Life Skills students are immersing themselves in the intricate world of woodworking through the Wood Theory and Fabrication class. Engaged in the hands-on experience of milling logs, these students are not just learning about the technicalities of the process but also grasping the importance of safety during every cutting maneuver. It's a unique blend of skill development and safety awareness, providing these students with practical knowledge that extends beyond the classroom.

Stepping inside the woodshop, the passion and dedication of the students became visible as they proudly showcased some ongoing projects. One standout creation is a table in the making, destined to be sealed with a layer of epoxy. Witnessing the transformation from raw timber to a crafted piece is not only a testament to the students' craftsmanship but also an embodiment of the school's commitment to fostering diverse skills and talents. The Wood Theory and Fabrication class instills a sense of pride and accomplishment in these students as they turn a tree into a work of functional art.

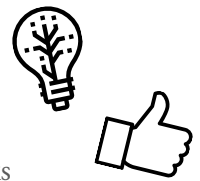


### REMINDER ROUNDUP!

- December Professional Development:
  - Wednesday December 13th, 9am - 11:30am in the Washington/Fayette Rooms
- Central office staff Christmas party will follow Professional Development
- Christmas break:
  - Friday December 22nd - Tuesday January 2nd

### TECH-TIP!

*STAY UP TO DATE ON YOUR PHISHING KNOWLEDGE*



- Go to IU1 website and click Quick Links
- Click IUWeb Portal and Sign in
- Click the "Help Desk" tab at the top of the page
- Under Cybersecurity Information, try the Phishing quizzes and Ransomware Quiz, and read up on other informational articles located in the same space so that you can continue to keep Intermediate Unit 1 safe!

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# EXCELLENCE IN ACTION



*Patty Karl and Melissa Pasquale*

## *IU1 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH*

Patty Karl, Administrative Assistant for Educational Programs, and Melissa Pasquale, Accounting Assistant to Educational Programs are the backbone that strengthen that department. Their pleasant demeanor, paired with their immeasurable knowledge and patience has proven to be exactly what it takes to make such a fast-paced and demanding department still run smoothly. Their empathy and kindness for the schools, districts, and students within the region that we serve are a true testament to what we stand for and represent within IU1. Thank you, Patty and Melissa!

## FRESH FACES: GET TO KNOW OUR OCTOBER NEW HIRES!

- Kathryn Horn – Early Intervention Teacher – IU1 @ Redstone
- Chantal Fisher – Outpatient Therapist – IU1 @ Waynesburg
- Mara Bell – Parent Consultant – Pattan-West
- Ashton White - Outpatient Therapist – IU1 @ Waynesburg

*≡ Welcome ≡*

## UPBEAT UPDATE

Nicole Lowers, the Secondary Life Skills/Autistic Support Teacher at Intermediate Unit 1 McMurray Campus, has received the prestigious 3rd Annual Gary Bates Memorial Award for Excellence in Career Education. The award recognizes her outstanding dedication to implementing the Project Discovery curriculum, a hands-on career exploration program, showcased at the recent 2023 National CASE Conference in Pittsburgh. Education Associates, the awarding body, aims to commend individuals who exemplify the spirit of the late Gary Bates. Lowers' innovative teaching methods have not only boosted her students' skills but also ignited their excitement about future career options. Her success story, shared with Christina Petersen from Montana, serves as a national inspiration for educators in special education.



## POWERFUL PERSPECTIVES



### *DAVE DUNHAM SUPERVISOR OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS*

The holidays are a time to spend with loved ones and share the spirit of gratitude for all that we have. During this time, consider taking time to step away from all the hustle and bustle of life, find a place to reflect on the many blessings that are all around us. Whether it's shopping for that special gift, cooking that apple pie, or creating moments of joy with loved ones take time to be thankful. Allow kindness and thankfulness guide you through this holiday season. Stop, breathe and reflect on the many blessings in our lives, for if you focus on the positive, you will never see the negative.