

LifeReady:

Information Night for Parents and Prospective Youth

Date & Details:

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Puskarich Library
Cadiz, OH

Presenter:

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Couldn't wait to get
going, but wasn't
quite ready to leave.
~Lady Antebellum

Tonight's Objectives

- First 25: LifeReady explained
 - Introduction
 - Value & importance
 - Benefits
 - Logistical details & participation
- Final 25: Audience Q&A
- Sign up if ready!



Teenagerdom is a volatile time. Sometimes the steady hand of a caring adult mentor is all it takes to help a young person thrive.

LifeReady: Introduction

- Innovative Partnership
 - HC OSU Extension, HHCSO, some local colleges, donors
- Prepares older teens for the *non-academic* aspects of the next stage in life
 - Geared toward college-bound, but valuable for all
- Available to all sophs through seniors in Harrison Co.
 - Sessions located at Harrison Hills, but CV, BL, Edison, Lakeland, homeschool, etc. youth are encouraged to participate

LifeReady: Introduction

- LifeReady strengthens skills in these four areas...



LifeReady: Introduction

- LifeReady is NOT...
 - A feeder program for the Ohio State University or just for 4-H kids
 - Only for students interested in going to a 4-year college
 - A way to bypass the college admissions process at whatever school you are interested in
 - Only for those interested in one of our partner colleges
 - Going to manipulate or discourage your child's pathway
 - Like being in school for another two hours on a Thursday!

If students build early relationships with local employers/leaders, they will consider Harrison County as a permanent place of residence.

LifeReady: Value

- Colleges want capable, well-rounded students
- Improves student persistence
 - Too many HC youth leave or transfer in the first year of college
 - *Unbiased* relationship for navigating crisis points
- Cost savings to youth/families
 - Reduces chances of changing majors, colleges, etc.
 - Potential scholarship and cash pool funding
- Strengthens the local economy



LifeReady: Participant Benefits

- Program-based benefits
 - Cost-savings, career pathing, skill development, ongoing unbiased *mentoring* relationship
- Dedicated scholarship funds at partner colleges
 - Mt. Union, Muskingum (as of now)
 - We will make partnership request of any you choose
- Annual cash scholarship pool during college years
 - Variable rate based on # of graduates and donor generosity



If students are truly life-ready, doing well in college and career will come naturally to them.



LifeReady: Logistics

- Student graduation levels
 - Gold (all 24 sessions completed), silver (21-23), bronze (18-20)
- Schedule conveniently based on sport-season trimesters
 - Rotate trimester topics annually to make attending easy (see ABC on schedule)
 - Flex participation is perfectly fine—we will track
 - Far easier if you don't wait until senior year!
- Thursdays from 3:00-4:15p in the HS Library (a little longer for off-site events)
 - 16 sessions in the classroom; 8 off-site field trips & independents
- Instruction from Extension staff, alumni, & topic experts

LifeReady: Field Trips

We head off-site for some fun experiential learning in topics such as:

- 🚗 Basic automotive care
- 🏠 Maintaining our living spaces
- 🛒 Savvy grocery shopping
- 🍳 Introductory cooking



LifeReady: Primary Instructors



Dr. Joseph Maiorano
Family and Consumer Sciences Educator
PhD from the Ohio State U.
Focus areas: home economy, relationships



Tim Tanner
4-H Youth Development Educator
MEd from Penn State U.
Focus areas: college prep, career pathing



Allison Dawson
4-H Program Assistant
BA from Pensacola Christian College
Focus areas: civic engagement, interactive learning

LifeReady: A Worthy Time Investment

- Audience Q&A
- Enrollment in the program
 - Ready to sign up?
 - Permission to transport
 - Text reminders for updates
 - First session is Thursday Sept 21

