

**MORE ABOUT THE WCC PROGRAM**

The WCC program helps Kenton High School students identify specific career goals and develop aspiration to pursue postsecondary education to achieve their career goals.

Schools

**WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS**

Students

Based on career interests, students are matched with a mentor and internship site for a minimum of 60 hours throughout the duration of one semester.

**THE CAPSTONE PROJECT**

Each student creates a capstone project under the guidance of the mentor. A capstone project is a multifaceted assignment that serves as a culminating academic and intellectual experience for students. Students present their internship experiences and capstone projects through an exhibition at the end of the semester program.

Business



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**Wildcat  
Community  
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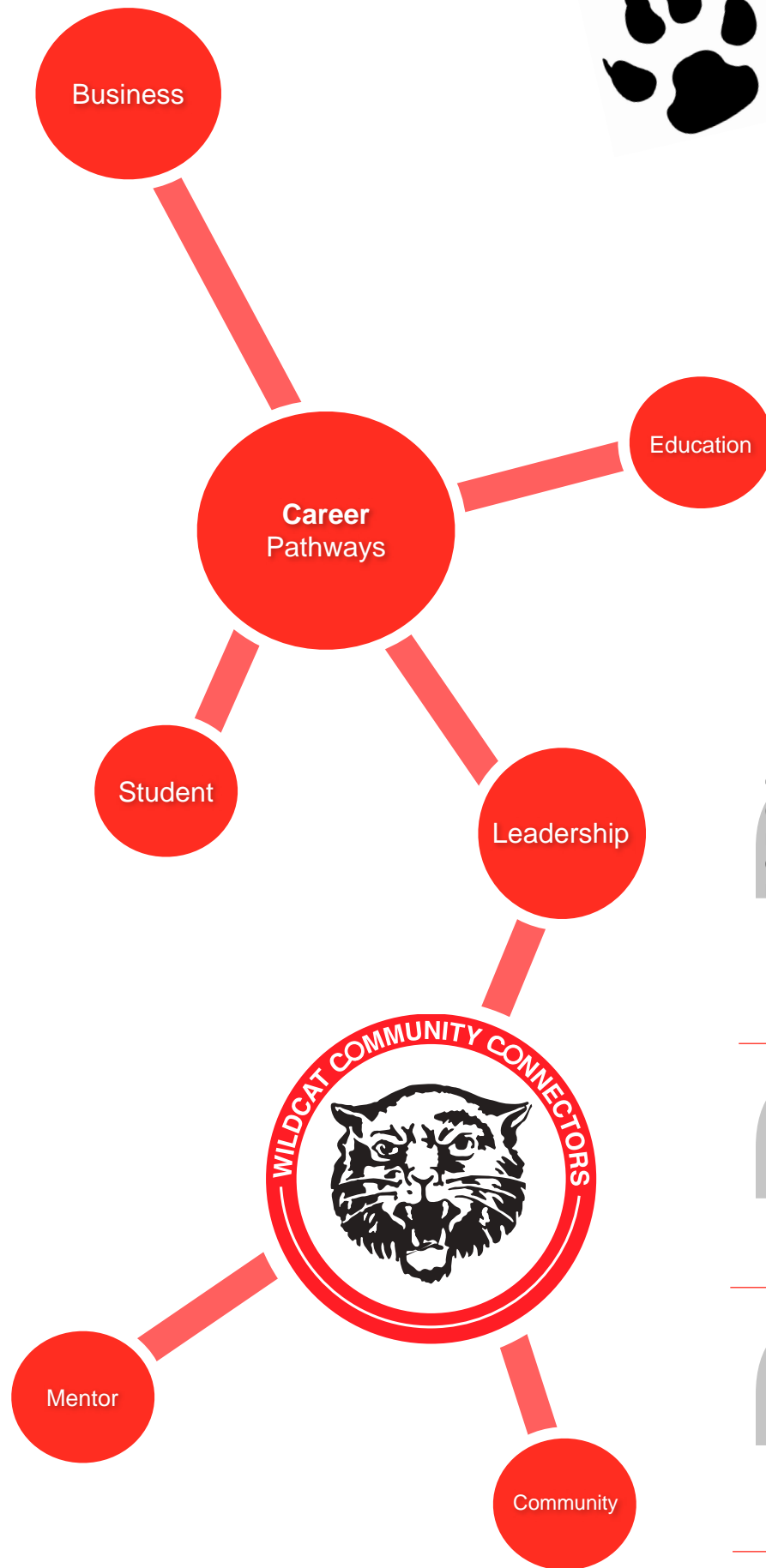
# WHAT IS THE WILDCAT COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

The Wildcat Community Connectors (WCC) program, created for the Kenton High School Juniors and Seniors, is sponsored by the Hardin County Chamber & Business Alliance (HCCBA) and Kenton City Schools through an Ohio Department of Education *Community Connectors* grant. This new, exciting personalized program creates opportunities for students to:

1. Explore careers and pathways with a mentor.
2. Develop leadership and teamwork skills.
3. Identify, research and offer solutions to authentic community issues.
4. Serve as an intern with a mentor in a career field that aligns with each student's future goals.
5. Create and present a capstone project aligned with the internship experience.

**Local Leaders** are being recruited to make this program possible for Kenton High School juniors and seniors this school year by:

- Serving as a mentor for a student.
- Providing students with a tour of your business.
- Participating in brainstorming sessions with students by addressing workforce and community needs.
- Leading or participating in training seminars.



## BUILDING A WORKFORCE PIPELINE



**Why should** local businesses, government, healthcare, non-profit organizations and educational institutions participate in this new program?

- Introduce your organization to and develop rapport with future employees.
- Provide students with awareness about careers and job opportunities in your organization.
- Impact training and development of your next generation of workers.
- Expand your staff's leadership and communication skills through mentoring high schools students.

### WHAT BUSINESSES ARE SAYING

"Quest was thrilled to be asked to host two interns from the Wildcat Community Connectors program. By having the interns working directly with our management team, we have been able to share our experience in daily business operations with the students while at the same time, gaining insight into what makes an employer attractive to today's talented, young professionals."

-Matt Jennings, CEO of Quest Federal Credit Union



"This program is an excellent way to stay involved with the community and introduce our company and what we have to offer to our future workforce."

-Neal Boyd, V.P. Operations



"OhioHealth Hardin Memorial is very excited about the opportunity to partner with the Kenton Wildcat Community Connectors in the development of our future health care providers. We look forward to training those who will one day take care of all of us."

-Wendy Rodenberger, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Care Services



## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



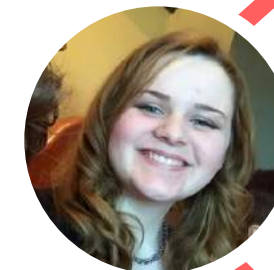
"It's been a good experience to learn about what I want to do in the future."

-Clay Howard



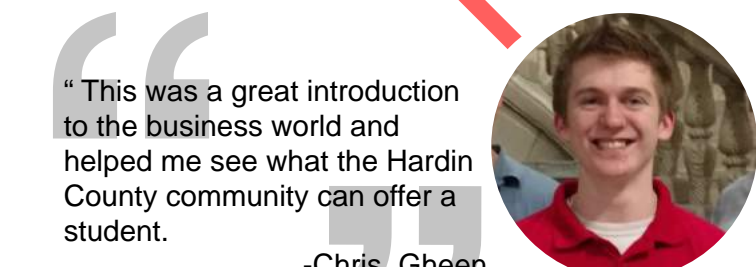
"It was a heart touching experience and I really appreciate the opportunity to connect with the community"

-Valley Onions



"This program has enabled me to investigate two career pathways that I was interested in and helped me decide the path to follow."

-Kyra Collins



"This was a great introduction to the business world and helped me see what the Hardin County community can offer a student."

-Chris Gheen