

## Speakers Bureau

The individuals listed below have volunteered to participate on the Speakers Bureau. United Way of Southwest Virginia has not conducted any speaking reviews or background screening. Follow your school and/or county policy on inviting these individuals into your classroom to present.

### Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

Ridge and Valley Farms	Andrew Gilmer	andrew.gilmer@ridgeandvalleyfarms.com	276-780-4399	Agriculture/Farming/Meat Production
VHCC	Ben Casteel	bcasteel1@vhcc.edu	276-739-2441	Horticulture and Agriculture
Virginia Oil and Gas Association	Beth Stockner	voga.pub@gmail.com	276-608-8224	Energy related questions/Natural Gas Production/STEM related careers

### Architecture & Construction

Appalachian Drafting	Steven Harris	steven@appadrafting.com	276-623-5829	Creating "Blueprints" using 3D models and holograms for today's steel buildings
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### Arts, A/V Technology & Communication

Crutchfield Corporation	Mark Bolling	mbolling@crutchfield.com	276-870-1550	STEM, General call center/e-commerce, residential and commercial audio/video system design and sales, Pro Audio Sound Systems, Training/Mentor within a company, Drone Technology and Implementation within the workplace
Barter Theatre	Megan Hamilton	education@bartertheatre.com	276-698-4765	Social skills/Soft skills (teamwork, collaboration, communication, creativity, empathy), Working in the Arts
American Advertising Federation	Alexandra Veatch	aveatch06@gmail.com	540-915-2580	Communications and Marketing, Personal Branding, Media Literacy, Understanding the impact of Social Media, etc
William King Museum of Art	Lori Rouse Mann	lrouse@wkmuseum.org	276-628-5005	Art, Project Based Learning, anything related

<b>Business Management &amp; Administration</b>				
Individual	Cathy Lowe	clowe@vhsbi.com	276-492-2062	Small Business Development Strategies Motivational speaking Changing your History You are who you think you are Marketing Yourself to Success
Sykes Intuit	Pam Collie	pamela.collie@sykes.com	276-393-2084	Working in a call center, marketing and public relations, community partnerships, importance of networking in the business realm, resume writing, mock interviews, healthcare setting. Classroom training opportunities for schools
WCC	Perry Hughes	phughes@wcc.vccs.edu	276-223-4757	Workforce Development Short term Training Opportunities
<b>Education</b>				
MECC	Derek Whisman	dwhisman@mecc.edu	276/523-2400, ext. 260	English & Developmental Education
University of Virginia at Wise	Chancellor Henry	dhenry@uvawise.edu	276-328-0122	Higher Education, Women in STEM, Economic Development in SWVA, Biology, Human Health
<b>Finance</b>				
Bank of Marion	Tammy Shuler	tshuler@bomva.com	276-706-8117	All financial topics (careers, using credit wisely, financial literacy, hands on banking such as check writing, statement balancing, budgeting, etc.)
Wells Fargo	Caitlin McElroy	caitlin.mcelroy@wellsfargo.com	828-232-3768	Spending Smart-Budgeting; Save, Invest, and Build Wealth All about Credit; School and Money You and Money- The Starting Point Stay Safe-Identity Theft

<b>Health Services</b>				
MECC	Kim Rasnick	krasnick@mecc.edu	276/523-2400, ext. 426	Nursing
MECC	Lena Whisenhunt	lwhisenhunt@mecc.edu	276/523-2400, ext. 421	Nursing
MECC, SWCC, VHCC	Bill Akers	bill.akers@sw.edu	276/964-7729	EMS
Radford Health and Rehab	Ken W Keeling, PHR, SHRM-CP	kkeeling@radford-rehab.com	540-633-6533	Hiring process, Do's and Don'ts of Job Seekers, Behavioral Interviewing, Resume writing, interviewing skills, etc
MECC	Nora Blankenbecler	nblankenbecler@mecc.edu	276/523-2400, ext. 241	HIM & Healthcare Business
<b>Human Services</b>				
Rooftop of Virginia	Amanda Funk	afunk@rtov.org	276-236-7131 ext 249	Rooftop programs - Section 8 housing, head start, weatherization, Emergency/Outreach Services, Spark Program (things to consider as you are going through high school)
WCC	Kristie Haga	khaga@wcc.vccs.edu	276-223-4808	Human Services
<b>Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security</b>				
MECC	Robert England	rengland@mecc.edu	276-523-2400, ext. 327	Police Science/Corrections, Leadership
Washington County Sheriff's Office	Byron Ashbrook	bashbrook@washso.org	276-676-6032	Law Enforcement, Forensics in Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice System and any related topics

<b>Manufacturing</b>				
Mohawk Industries	Valarie Lamonaca	valarie_lamonaca@mohawkind.com	276-728-2141	Career in manufacturing, networking, importance of volunteering and general human resources information
Southwest Virginia Alliance for Manufacturing	Lennie Gail Mitcham	lgmitcham@swvam.org	276-492-2100	Career opportunities in Manufacturing, Manufacturing in Southwest Virginia
Tadano Mantis Corporation	Dedra Helbert	dedra.helbert@tadano.com	276-964-4999	Human Resources and Manufacturing
<b>STEM</b>				
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center - Robotics Team	Sonia Vanhook	s.vanhook@swcenter.edu	276-619-4350	Leadership What is a Toastmasters?
SWCC	Tabbi Smith	tabbi.smith@sw.edu	276-964-7378	Mathematics
SWCC, MECC, VHCC	Brian Hale	brian.hale@sw.edu	276-964-7550	Engineering
Utility Trailer Manufacturing	Stacy Street	sstreet@utm.com	276-429-4540	Interviewing, Soft Skills, The Application Process and general company info on Utility Trailer
Washington County Public Schools	Laura Smith, CD	lsmith@wcs.k12.va.us	276-739-3124	AutoCAD, Autodesk Inventor, 3D Printing, Leadership Opportunities, Soft Skills
SWCC	Paula Owens	paula.owens@sw.edu	276-964-7344	IT
VHCC	Tamara Lasley	tlasley@vhcc.edu	276-739-2503	Information Systems Technology, Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones)

Transportation, Distribution and Logistics				
VDOT	Marty Halloway	marty.halloway@vdot.virginia.gov	276-696-3367	Civil Engineering with a focus on Transportation
VOLVO Trucks New River Valley Plant	Marcus Thompson	marcus.thompson@volvo.com	540-577-2547	Manufacturing Truck Assembly STEM and Vocational Education Workplace Development Paying Attention in School Being the Best Student you can be Engaging your Career Path (7th and 8th grade topics only)