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## Columbia Montour Vo-Tech Tour



Recently, I had the pleasure of touring Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School. Students who choose to go to Columbia Montour Vo-Tech or similar vocational schools are provided with essential professional training geared toward their career path in one of many skilled labor roles that do so much for our local community.

Part of what makes vo-tech schools so great for their students is the freedom they have in electing to go there to focus on the educational path that is best for them. As an advocate of school choice, I believe that all students in the Commonwealth should similarly be able to choose which school they attend, or school format used to best suit their educational and career-preparation needs. I would like to thank Columbia Montour Vo-Tech for allowing me to visit and meet so many hard-working young students with bright futures and to see all the great work that Columbia Montour Vo-Tech does for them.

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In picture at left, Tyler Slusser, a Junior in the Machine Technology the Machine Technology program to create different machined parts as members of the SkillsUSA Organization look on in the background. Programs at the school work together on projects helping the students learn teamwork, problem solving and co-curricular training.

In picture at right: Avery Lanzi a Junior in the Drafting and Design Technology Program, explains how the 3D printer operates and is used to create parts that have been designed by students. The students in the Drafting program work with many other programs at the school designing things that will be created by other students. Avery shared the importance of making sure all drawings are completed accurately and completely as many times a number of other people need to read and use them to create the product.



In picture below: Chef Edmondson, Culinary Arts Instructor explains to Rep Leadbeter the Culinary Arts program along as current students of the program work in the background preparing for the restaurant offered to the public. Chef discussed the various learning activities offered for the students to learn real world applications and the equipment needed to make it all happen.

