

PAGE COUNTY DEMOCRATS WORKING FOR
JOB TRAINING

Page County Democrats are working in many ways to improve and expand job training for local students.

One great example of this is the Democrats who work with the Page County Technical Center and its Foundation Board. The Board coordinates with Page County Government, local businesses and the County School Board to:

- promote, advance and supplement strong, successful partnerships between business/industry and technical programs in the public school system.
- insure quality, excellence and preparedness through effective, practical training of students and adults.
- assist in creating valuable Certified Technical Education programs targeted to the needs of business, industry and our community.
- improve community awareness of the value of technical training.
- secure resources as required by current and future programs.
- provide scholarships for future education and recognition for excellence in student performance.

The Technical Center offers several training programs, including training in automotive technologies, cosmetology, electrical work and welding. In 2017, the Board and Center also opened a health science facility to help residents earn the status of Certified Licensed Practical Nurse, Certified Nursing Assistance and Phlebotomist. The Tech Center's LPN Program was rank third in the Commonwealth of Virginia for training.

The Tech Center's Welding Lab has 17 welding booths for students and offers two classes, both of which are at student capacity. With the support of the Page County Board of Supervisors, Public School Board, Technical Center Foundation Board, local businesses and donations from the

community, a building previously used for storage was converted into a hands-on welding lab.

Even before graduating, many Tech Center students have been recruited by contractors, auto repair shops and other employers. Some students also decide to further their education and skills by becoming apprentices in whatever craft they choose. This enables them to earn income while continuing to learn.

This is just another example of how Page County Democrats work to help build our local community.