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Edinboro University, WCSD ink agreement

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An agreement between the Warren County Career Center and Edinboro University was signed Wednesday, giving students in the Protective Services program at WCCC a leg up on college.

Students in the Protective Services program will now be able to earn Edinboro University credits in the Criminal Justice program.

Career Center officials, Dr. Jack Martin, president of the Warren County School District's board of directors, and Superintendent Dr. Robert Terrill joined Edinboro University's president, Dr. Jeremy Brown, and Dr. David Ferster, assistant professor of Political Science and Criminal Justice at Edinboro, to sign the articulation agreement at the Hilltop Restaurant at the Career Center during a luncheon ceremony.

Also attending were three Career Center students currently enrolled in the Protective Services program who plan to attend Edinboro in 2011 with their necessary credits — Brittany Bradshaw,

Laura Hennessy and Tiffany Moore.

The Career Center has eight other agreements in place with post-secondary education institutions; Edinboro will mark the ninth.

"This agreement," said John Bonavita, guidance counselor at the Career Center, "is a key component to remove obstacles Career Center students may encounter as they enter post-secondary life as a student or worker and rewards them to complete the Protective Service program for credits toward their major. It allows these students the choice of pursuing an associate degree or a bachelor's degree in the criminal justice field."

Students may choose either a six-credit course at the Career Center and two years at Edinboro to complete their major, or a nine-credit course plus EMT training in addition to two years at Edinboro.

To be eligible for Edinboro's credits, Career Center students must complete their high school coursework with a grade of B or above and must attend the university within

two years of their high school graduation.

"This will provide a 'seamless transition' from WCCC to the post secondary school," said Principal Delores Berry.

"With a great deal of pleasure I thank Edinboro for working with us," said Terrill. "We would like to continue to make sure that Warren remains competitive in academics, and this gives us a great opportunity to do so."

"We are delighted to be here to provide an opportunity for higher education for the citizens of the commonwealth and broaden our partnership," said Brown. "Through this agreement I know we will be representing our excellence in the classroom and well as providing the best available education to these future students who will be adding to the wealth of talent currently at Edinboro."

Brown said, "We continue to hold the promise of giving each of the students the rich experience that Edinboro offers, especially in a field that is one of Edinboro's most popular majors, which continues to grow each year."



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Signing

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and Warren County Career Center officials signed new articulation agreement for Edinboro's criminal justice program. From left in the front row are Dr. Jack Martin, president of Warren County School District's board of directors; Dr. Jeremy Brown, president of Edinboro University; Dr. Robert Terrill, school district superintendent; and Dr. David Ferster, assistant professor of political science and criminal justice at Edinboro. In the back row, same order, are Laura Hennessy, student in the criminal justice program at the Warren County Career Center; Kathleen Johnson, protective services teacher; Tiffany Moore and Brittany Bradshaw, students in the criminal justice program.