

Penta Career Center Wins School Pacesetter Award

Center honored for transforming its approach to professional development

July 11, 2018 – Penta Career Center in Perrysburg, Ohio, won a Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. Penta Career Center was honored at SREB’s 32nd Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference on July 11 in Orlando, Florida.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that use HSTW Key Practices to transform teaching and learning and motivate students to succeed in college, careers and life. Penta Career Center transformed learning opportunities for its staff by adopting an individualized, teacher-led approach to professional development.

In addition to participating in monthly collaborative meetings, staff receive summer planning time to brainstorm, problem-solve and design professional development on topics like best practices, project-based learning and data analysis. Staff who attend the HSTW Summer Staff Development Conference share best practices from the conference on the center’s resource portal. The center’s strong commitment to project-based instruction has increased students’ ownership of their learning.

The High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference brings together educators from schools that have implemented the instructional strategies of SREB’s school improvement programs. These schools have increased focus on career and technical education by redesigning assignments around projects that often involve both academic and career pathway classes.

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states and educators to improve public education at every level, from early childhood through postsecondary education. Learn more about SREB at sreb.org.

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