For the fifth year in a row, the Greater Lima Region brought its world-class employer to the region’s young talent and adult job seekers. On Friday, eight skilled trades competitions, “Brain Games” STEM competitions, breakout sessions and Exhibit Hall Career Expo with 100 employers exhibiting and demonstrating their opportunities for local talent. Saturday opened the Fairgrounds up to more than 700 job seekers for the MAKERFEST Job Fair hosted by OhioMeansJobs-Allen County. The job seekers spent several hours discussing possibilities, applying for jobs, and in many cases, getting considered for employment or getting hired right there on the spot!

The overarching mission of MAKERFEST is to connect local employers with local talent and to inspire hiring. There was much applying and hiring at this year’s MAKERFEST Job Fair, as summarized by Kurt Oates, Training Manager at Bob Evans Farms: We interviewed over 60 applicants and made job offers to over 35 candidates. 30 have accepted and most have already started working in entry level, machine operators, warehouse and team lead positions. I want to thank everyone that was involved in putting MAKERFEST together. For us it was a huge success. The potential of the candidates that we have interviewed and hired are people we were not seeing apply before. This is a great start in upgrading our talent pool in our factory, so that we can help support the growth of Lima.

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MAKERFEST BY THE NUMBERS

6 UNIVERSITIES
Bluffton University
Devry University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University - Lima
Rhodes State
University of Northwestern Ohio

8 SKILLED TRADES COMPETITIONS
Advanced Carpentry, Automotive Repair, CNC Programming, Construction Team Work, Electrical Contest, Excavator Rodeo, Mig Welding, Pipe Welding

14 BRAIN GAMES COMPETITIONS
Business Simulation Challenge, Cake Craziness, Crane Design Challenge, Design a Catapult Competition, Engineering in a Box Competition 2.0, Hammer Down, IT, Network Assembly Showdown, Mind-Numbing Escape, Challenge, Operation Game Challenge, Perfection, Rescue, Mission, Robot Coding Challenge, Robotic Roundup, T-shirt Design Competition

19 BREAKOUT SESSIONS
- AcuMax Index Assessment - How Are You REALLY Wired?
- Amazing M1 Abram Tank Technology
- Apprenticeships: The Other 4-Year Degree
- Becoming an Electrician! See What It Really Takes!
- Cracking the Code: Cryptography Techniques
- Do You Have What It Takes To Be a Project Manager?
- Extreme Interview Makeovers
- Fright & Flight OR Calm & Confident: Emergency Response
- How to Know If You’re Cut Out to be an Engineer
- How to Launch a Tech Startup
- Learn the A-B-C’s and X-Y-Z’s in CNC Machining
- Leveraging Social Media to Land Your Dream Job
- Pre-Apprenticeships: An Option During High School
- Professional Truck Driving, Can You Handle It?
- So You Want To Make It In The News
- The Down and Dirty of Soil Careers
- A Robot’s Guide to the Galaxy
- This is Women’s Work, Too!
- How to Market YOUR (Generation Z) Resume to the Top in a World Full of Baby Boomers!

THE WINNERS

2019 Maker Cup
1st Place
Apollo Career Center
(for the 5th year in a row!)
2nd Place
Tri Star Career Compact
3rd Place
Vantage Career Center
4th Place
Millstream Career Center
5th Place

2019 “Brain Games:
Maker Cup
1st Place
Van Wert High School
2nd Place
Apollo Career Center
3rd Place
Ada High School
4th Place
Allen East High School
5th Place

37 PARTICIPATING HIGH SCHOOLS
Adal High School
Allen East High School
Apollo Career Center
Bath High School
Columbus Grove High School
Continental High School
Cory-Rawson High School
Crestview High School
Delphos Jefferson High School
Delphos-St Johns High School
Elida High School
Ft. Jennings High School
Hardin Northern High School
Kalida High School
Kenton High School
Liberty Benton High School
Lima Central Catholic
Lima Senior High School
Lima South Alternative
Lincolnview High School
Millstream Career Center
Ohio Hi-Point Career Center
Ottawa Glandorf High School
Pandora-Gilboa High School
Perry High School
Shawnee High School
Spencerville High School
Temple Christian School-Tolles Career Center
Tri Star Career Compact
Upper Valley Career Center
Van Wert City Schools
Vantage Career Center
Wapakoneta High School
Wayne Trace High School
Waynesfield-Goshen High School
West Central Learning Academy