



# Developing Leaders

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## Information Technology, Communications & Networking

Tioga County's *Community Leadership Program (CLP)* Class of 2007 attended Session 7, Information Technology, Communications & Networking on Friday, April 13, 2007 at Mansfield University. The group was welcomed by Mansfield University President, Dr. Maravene Loeschke. Dr. Loeschke spoke about the University's focus on

leadership.

Greg Anna, Information Systems Manager for First Citizens National Bank, then gave the group a presentation titled "Vision of the Future - Past, Present & Future." In this presentation such topics were discussed as the role of technology in the workplace and the importance of building an organization's technology plan.

Prior to Session 7 *CLP* participants had an assignment to have questions prepared to ask a panel of individuals involved in technology. The panel was comprised of three members who represented different perspectives from their area businesses. The panel participants were Tom Freeman of Blue Ridge Cable & *TCDC* Director, Rick Cisco of C&N Bank and Joe Bubacz of Laurel Health System. The *CLP* participants had an opportunity to ask each panel member their questions. The group found that even though the panel members were from businesses that seemed very different they all faced similar issues when it came to technology.

After the panel discussion the group went to Blue Ridge Cable where Tom Freeman took them on a tour of the facilities. They had a chance to see what the equipment looks like that transmits all of the various types of information that Blue Ridge Cable has available.



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Session 7 was sponsored by PenTeleData and the group enjoyed refreshments and lunch catered by Sodexo. Following lunch Al Quimby, Commercial Account Executive for PenTeleData & TCDC Director gave the group some helpful hints about successful networking at various events. The group also had a lesson in dinner and table etiquette from Dr. Sharon Carrish of Mansfield University.

The final presenter of the day was J. Dennis Murray of Mansfield University. He talked with the participants about communication and interpersonal skills. The group went through an exercise where they had an opportunity to role play effective communication.







## Future Leader Profile

Marlene Doan is a current participant of the *Community Leadership Program Class of 2007*. Marlene is the Office Manager for Northcentral PA AHEC located in Wellsboro, PA. She currently resides in Osceola, PA with her family.

She graduated from Wellsboro Area High School and has completed some college courses. Marlene enjoys her current position along with many other activities. She is the Cub Master for the Elkland Cub Scout Pack 2044 because she likes scouting and what it provides to its participants. Marlene also takes pleasure in sewing, cooking and camping.

Marlene believes that *CLP* is a worthwhile program that gets you “thinking outside your occupation”. It allows you to have fun while building your business skills during each session. Another plus is meeting many new people that you wouldn’t normally meet and making friends.

### Information Technology, Communications & Networking Terms & Topics of the Day

- Assertion Skills
- Conflict Management
- Connections
- Customer Service
- Diversity
- Education
- Etiquette
- Ice Breakers
- Listening Skills
- Manners
- Planning
- Research
- Security
- Small Talk
- Technology

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## K&W Medical Specialties

K&W Machine Company was founded in 1962 in Warminster, Pa. by Gene Wolstenholme. Gene expanded the business in 1974, by adding K&W Medical Specialties in Westfield, Pa. Since that time, there have been several expansions to the building and workforce. The family owned business that originally started out of a garage has grown into a building around 70,000 square feet and employs over 250 employees. In recent years, K&W Medical has been one of the fastest growing companies in Tioga County.

K&W Medical specializes in injection molded components and sub-assemblies for the medical industry. Most manufacturing is done within a “cleanroom” environment. There is a tool and die shop within the plant dedicated to the support of the 80+ operations.





## Current Youth Leader Participant

Megan Slater is a junior at North Penn High School and a current participant in the *Youth Leadership Program (YLP)*. She learned about the program through her sister who graduated from YLP in 2002. Megan stated, "I am confident that the program will help me out in the long run." Like many of the youth in the program Megan hoped to gain experience and knowledge in leadership, but in the end she found herself extremely outgoing and well rounded. Upon graduating from North Penn she is planning to attend Pittsburgh University for radiology and then continuing her education in physical therapy. She feels the YLP Program has definitely made her a much better group participant and team member. The program has also allowed her to broaden her horizons in many areas.

In Megan's spare time she enjoys playing basketball, volleyball, and track and field. She also enjoys camping, biking, running and church activities.

When asked what she would say to someone interested in the program she replied, "If I was speaking to someone interested in the YLP program I would tell them about all the *great* opportunities the program offers." She admitted before going into the program, she had little knowledge about Tioga County. Megan now knows a large amount of information about Tioga County and the careers it offers. Being involved in the program has reinforced her idea of returning after getting her education and living in the county.

Megan said "I've found that Tioga County has many great opportunities and wonderful people! I plan to get out of the area and try new things, but plan to come back to the area and give something back to the community."



The *Tioga County Development Corporation's* Leadership *Tioga County Youth Leadership Program* Class of 2007 participated in Session 7 **Quality of Life** on Wednesday, April 18, 2007. The Session was sponsored by the Grand Canyon Ecological Services and Woodhouse Post & Beam of Mansfield, Pennsylvania. Session 7 was held at the Morris Fire Hall and along Babbs Creek in Morris, Pennsylvania. Pictured here helping Jim Weaver, County Planner and YLP Session 7 Coordinator are Tiffany Schmidt, Cowanesque Valley High School; Lacy Young, Wellsboro High School and Houston Baker, Cowanesque Valley High School.

The *Tioga County Development Corporation's* Leadership *Tioga County Youth Leadership Program* Class of 2007 graduated April 22, 2007 at the W. M. Tokishi Training Center (NYPUM Building) in Wellsboro before 120 parents, relatives and community leaders. The class consisted of high school Juniors from Northern Tioga, Southern Tioga and Wellsboro Area School Districts.