

NEWSLETTER



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New Partnerships

Connexus Association supported several new organizations and events during 2016.

One of these events was Michigan Technological University's Mind Trekkers STEM Road Show.

Northcentral Technical College hosted the event, the 2nd Wausau Science and Engineering Festival. Undergraduate and graduate students from Michigan Tech located in Houghton, Michigan brought hands-on-learning in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to local 6-8th grade students the first day and welcomed parents, high schoolers, and other community members on the 2nd day.

Another organization the Association sponsored for the first time in 2016 was the STEM Scouts. The Samoset Council in Wausau, WI was one of twelve councils chosen across the country to launch the STEM Scouts Pilot Program. The program anticipates reaching over 2,000 youth through community outreach events utilizing the Vortex Mobile Lab and using hands-on activities.

With the support of Connexus Association, Northcentral Technical College launched an Adult Financial Literacy Education Initiative. The funds were utilized to offer five workshops to current students and alumni. The Workshops included "Impact of Your Credit Score" and "Be a Smart Borrower".

Scholarship Program Continues

During 2016, Connexus Association continued the scholarship program giving out 21 - \$1,000 scholarships to high school students and an additional \$12,000 in scholarship money to students attending the local technical college or 4-year extension.

Connexus Association also continued to partner with the Junior Achievement Program to provide students from kindergarten through high school with knowledge and skills in many areas including financial literacy. For 2016 partnership dollars were awarded to Junior Achievement Districts in Central Wisconsin, the St Paul / Minneapolis area, and the Cincinnati area.

Future Partnerships

Connexus Association is currently working with Banzai to form a new partnership to help support the spread of financial literacy in elementary and high school.

Annual Meeting Recap

September 28, 2016

Elected Board of Directors

Julia Salzman, President

Steve Raether, Vice President

Ryan Kennedy, Treasurer

Hal Osborn, Secretary

Kathe Breitenfeldt, Director

Treasurer's Report for 2016

Members of the Connexus Association consist of organizations or individuals who pay dues. Dues will be \$5.00 and will allow membership for two years. Connexus Association received membership dues totaling \$513,597 during 2016.

The primary purpose of Connexus Association is to provide scholarships for education, to assist educational institutions and to provide financial literacy education to help borrowers and savers reach their financial goals. Connexus Association donated \$176,128 during 2016. A list of all individuals or organizations that benefited from Connexus Association are below.

Wausau School District	MS Walk
NTC Foundation	Man of Honor Society
American Cancer Society	DC Everest IDEA School
DC Everest Public Schools	Boy Scouts of America
Worldwide Foundation of CU's	MN CU Foundation
Filene	Kiwanis/Irish Fest
National Credit Union Foundation	YWCA
Junior Achievement Central WI (Wausau and Merrill)	The Greater Wausau FFA Alumni
University of Wisconsin - Marathon County	Camp Hope
Wausau Conservatory of Music	Alzheimer's Association
Stem Scouts	School Safety Patrols (Wausau)
Northland Lutheran High School	Ronald McDonald House
Greenpath	WVC FABFAN (Fill a Backpack Fill a Need)
Newman Catholic Schools	Wausau School District 4K PTO
WI Valley Lutheran High School	Wausau Community Theater
Aspirus Health Foundation	United Way
Blessings in a Backpack	Center for Visual Arts
Hmong Amercian Center	Bishop Flaget Knights of Columbia
Open Door	CACUAO (Cincinnati Area Credit Union
Kids Voting (Wausau Leadership)	Outreach Alliance Golf Outing)
Breakfast Optimists	Central WI Children's Theatre
WATEA	Woodson YMCA
Camp Phoojywg-Friend	Support Lauren (cancer benefit)
Ministry/St. Clares Hospital Foundation	WINGS
IrishFest Central Wisconsin	Maine Lions
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Spare Key
Boys & Girls Club	Texas Lions
Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest	Women's Community
Junior Achievement of OKI Partners	Woodson Art Museum
	Maple Grove School