

# Wyoming County Business Education Council

## Membership Invitation Letter

Dear Community Partner,

For more than four decades, the Wyoming County Business Education Council (BEC) has worked to connect local schools, businesses, and community organizations in support of one shared goal: preparing the next generation for success in the workforce and in civic life.

Today, the importance of those partnerships is greater than ever.

In rural communities like ours, strong students build strong communities. When young people see meaningful opportunities close to home—whether in business, agriculture, healthcare, public service, or entrepreneurship—they are more likely to invest their talents here and help our communities thrive.

The Wyoming BEC exists to make those connections possible.

Through partnerships with employers, educators, local governments, and nonprofit organizations, the BEC helps students explore careers, develop workplace skills, and gain real-world experiences that prepare them for life after graduation.

Our work supports the New York State Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) standards and provides schools with opportunities such as:

- Career exploration programs
- Job shadowing and workplace visits
- Employer classroom presentations
- Mock interviews and career mentoring
- Internships and work-based learning opportunities

These experiences help students understand the world of work while helping employers connect with the future workforce of Wyoming County.

## A New Chapter for the Wyoming BEC

The BEC is entering an exciting new phase of growth and renewal.

I am honored to serve as the Interim Executive Director of the Wyoming County BEC, working with our Board of Directors and community partners to strengthen the organization and expand its impact.

My commitment to community service has shaped my career. I previously served as a Town Councilman in Clarkson, New York, where I saw firsthand how strong local institutions and civic partnerships strengthen



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communities. I have also spent ten years as a social studies teacher and coach, and I currently serve as Coordinator of School Improvement at Genesee Valley BOCES.

These experiences have reinforced a simple idea:

Communities thrive when schools, businesses, and civic organizations work together.

The Wyoming BEC is working to rebuild and strengthen those connections across our county.

Our priorities moving forward include:

- Strengthening partnerships with local employers and community organizations
- Expanding career exploration and work-based learning opportunities for students
- Launching the **GLOW Work & Learn Portal**, a regional platform connecting students, educators, and employers across the GLOW region
- Promoting the **New York State Seal of Civic Readiness** and connecting civic learning to real community leadership opportunities
- Hosting a new **BEC Breakfast and networking event** to reconnect partners and share our vision for the future

## **Expanding Civic Leadership Opportunities**

In addition to workforce development, the BEC is also exploring new ways to connect students with civic leadership and community service.

One initiative currently being developed is the **Wyoming County Civic Action Fellowship**, which will connect students with local government leaders, community organizations, and public agencies to investigate real issues facing our communities. Through this experience, students can develop civic leadership skills while working with county departments, municipal governments, and nonprofit partners.

We are also exploring a regional initiative called **GLOW Serve & Lead**, which would help students explore careers in public service while strengthening the civic institutions that support our communities.

These initiatives reflect an important truth: **Workforce readiness and civic readiness go hand in hand.**

## **An Invitation to Partner**

The Wyoming County BEC depends on the support and engagement of local partners.

We invite you to join the BEC as a member and help strengthen the connection between education, business, and community life in Wyoming County.

BEC members help support:

- Career exploration programs in local schools
- Work-based learning opportunities
- Student leadership and civic engagement initiatives
- Connections between employers and the future workforce

Just as importantly, membership demonstrates a commitment to investing in the next generation of our community.

## **Thank You**

Wyoming County has always been a place where people work together to solve problems and support one another.

The Wyoming County Business Education Council is proud to continue that tradition by building partnerships that help students succeed and communities grow stronger.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of the students and communities of Wyoming County.

Sincerely,

**Nick D'Amuro**

Interim Executive Director

Wyoming County Business Education Council

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# Wyoming County Business Education Council Membership Form

Business/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your completed membership form, and an invoice will be sent to your organization for processing.

Mail to:

**Wyoming County Business Education Council**

Attn: Nick D'Amuro

5550 School Road

Gainesville, NY 14066

## Membership Options *(please circle your membership type)*

### Tier 1 — Community Partner — \$150 annually

- Recognition as a BEC partner
- Invitations to BEC networking and partnership events
- Opportunities to participate in career exploration activities
- Opportunity to support student civic and workforce initiatives

### Tier 2 — Engagement Partner — \$350 annually

Includes all Community Partner benefits plus:

- Priority invitations for classroom presentations, career panels, and career fairs
- Opportunities to host student job shadows and workplace visits
- Recognition in BEC communications and events
- **NEW: An annual in-person presentation for your business featuring updates on New York State education initiatives, workforce readiness trends, and regional developments impacting schools and employers.**

### Tier 3 — Workforce Partner — \$750 annually

Includes all Engagement Partner benefits plus:

- Priority access to internship and work-based learning partnerships
- Participation in regional workforce initiatives through the GLOW Work & Learn Portal
- Recognition as a leading partner supporting workforce readiness and civic leadership development
- **NEW: Ability to request presentations and professional learning opportunities based on the capacity and the expertise of the BEC and participating partners. Topics may include workforce readiness, education trends, constructive dialogue, team development, communication strategies, student engagement, and school-business partnership initiatives.**

## Areas You May Be Interested In Supporting

- Career exploration presentations
- Job shadowing opportunities
- Internships / work-based learning
- Civic Action Fellowship mentorship
- GLOW Serve & Lead civic leadership programs
- Student leadership events
- Community workforce initiatives

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_