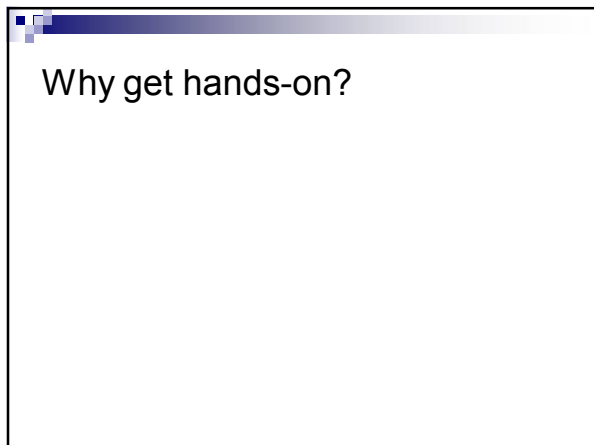
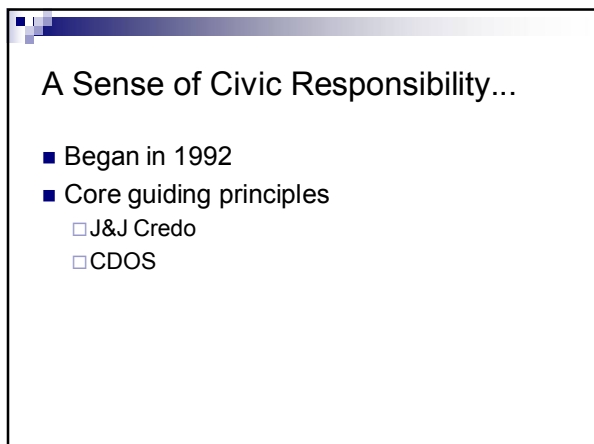


Bridge to Employment:

Spanning the Disconnect between Education and Career



Why get hands-on?



A Sense of Civic Responsibility...

- Began in 1992
- Core guiding principles
 - J&J Credo
 - CDOS

**Why Go Rural?
Why Livingston County?**

- BEA Proven History
- County Infrastructure
- Working Relationships
- Location = Limited Exposure

Initial Phase

- Identifying Partners
- Goals
- Program Design
- "Buy-in"/Commitment
- Recruitment & Screening

Implementation Phase

"Soft Skills" Training

Top Ten Skills...

1. Integrity/honesty	6. Responsibility
2. Teamwork	7. Self-Esteem
3. Personal Appearance & Hygiene	8. Writing
4. Listening	9. Speaking
5. Social	10. Customer Service

Implementation Phase

College Preparation

- College Visits (Keuka College, Alfred State & Alfred U, RIT, U of R, UB, Hobart & William Smith, and GCC)
- Workshops
- College Boot Camp

Implementation Phase

Career Preparation & Exploration

- Training Workshops
- Mock Interviews
- Workplace tours
- Job Fairs
- Distance Learning
- Mentor Program
- Business Case Study Project

Paying it Forward

Service Learning



Interpretation Phase

Challenges

- Multi-site
- Student Commitment
- Economic climate
- Teacher/school staff views
- Communication

Interpretation Phase

Success

- Statistics
- Community Perspective
- Program Continuation
- Scholarship Winners
- Individual Development

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~2010 BTE Graduate

