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### **WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER INSTRUCTOR RECEIVES GRANT FOR MACHINE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

WARREN PA – January 18, 2021: The Warren County Career Center (WCCC) Machine Technology Program of Study has received a \$4,456.00 grant through the efforts of the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools (PARSS). Grant funds will be used to purchase tooling and other equipment to support the CNC machinery used in student instruction.

“We have some great CNC machinery in our class”, stated Colton Black, the WCCC Machine Technology instructor. “We can always use tools, tool holders and equipment for our CNC machines, which are key pieces in our ability to provide the students the best education possible.”

“Having access to current tooling and equipment used in the industry today is one of the best ways to prepare our students for graduation and the start their individual careers”, he added.

“The Machine Technology Program was instrumental to my career path and brought me back

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to the Career Center. I appreciate any opportunity to better guide the students as they explore the different career paths open to them.”

Jim Evers, WCCC Principal, stated that “Mr. Black’s energy and commitment to the Machine Technology Program and its students is greatly appreciated. We’re happy to have him here, as are his students, and I look forward to supporting him as he improves and grows the program.”

The Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools (PARSS) is an advocacy and service organization dedicated to ensuring that the Commonwealth's rural school students have access to a quality education. The PARSS grants were funded through a partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and Cabot Oil & Gas Company, which has provided approximately \$50,000 over the past three years to support rural school districts. PARSS has, over the past several years, served as a conduit for over \$80,000 in grant funding and continues to look for resources that may benefit small and rural school districts in Pennsylvania.

*PICTURED, from left to right: Colton Black, Precision Machine Technology Instructor for the WCCC, and Hunter Gourley, a senior student in the Machine Technology Program. Both are seen with some of the tooling purchased with the PARSS grant funds.*

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