

Project Management 201 Students Open Semester with Kickoff Meeting

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CINCINNATI, Ohio – It has been almost five years since Deer Park Schools and the Project Management Institute Southwest Ohio Chapter began building a curriculum for Project Management 101 and 201 under the program architect Doug Arthur of Transform Consulting.

On Wednesday, the program took another giant leap forward, as project managers from Fifth Third Bank and Procter and Gamble joined the students for a kickoff luncheon on Fountain Square at Via Vite to open up the semester.

“The reason we are having this special lunch meeting is because this semester’s PM 201 class will engage 10 professional project managers from two of Cincinnati’s most distinguished companies—Procter & Gamble and Fifth Third Bank,” PM 201 Instructor Adam Gergen said. “We are celebrating the incredible investments P&G and Fifth Third Bank are making in Deer Park High School and the Deer Park Project Management Academy by allowing their PM experts to work with us.”

For the first time this semester, 10 project management professionals will team up as VIP coaches for the students, connecting over the course of the semester in order to help with the completion of a project, which will come to fruition by the end of the year. Projects include the Deer Park Walk-a-Thon, Veteran care packages and a redesign of the Deer Park baseball dugouts.

The students work in teams of three or four, and are paired with a VIP Project Manager from Fifth Third and P&G.



“We are kicking off a new chapter in the life of Deer Park Project Management Academy with the inclusion of professional PM coaches from Fifth Third Bank and Procter & Gamble,” Arthur told the students as the luncheon began. “The Deer Park Career Academies only exists because of the partnerships formed between your school and the interested companies and professional organizations who are willing to invest time in all of you.”

The students also heard from Via Vite Owner and Head Chef Christian Pietoso and PMI Southwest Ohio Chapter President, Andy Burns.

“Working with the Southwest Ohio Chapter of PMI, Deer Park Career Academies has become one of the first high schools in the U.S. to offer students the chance to sit for the prestigious Certified Associate Project Manager exam when they graduate,” Burns advised the students. “Attaining your Certified Associate Project Manager certification -- or CAPM -- is a huge bump in the recognition of your expertise in the job market, as well as the money you are paid.”

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