



SSES Wins NEI 2025 TIP Award for High School Co-Op Program: *Susquehanna's submission earns national award for its innovative strategy*

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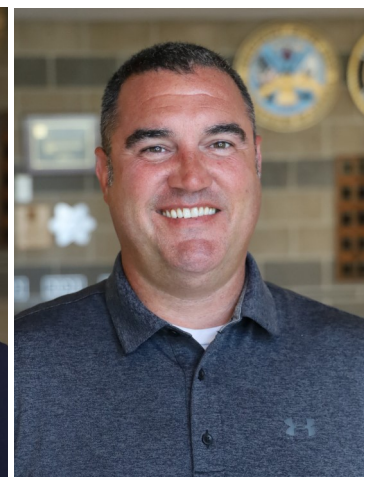
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The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) recently informed Talen Energy's Susquehanna Nuclear that it had won a Top Innovative Practice (TIP) Award this year for its submission of the "Nuclear Co-Op Program Recruits High School Seniors as Outage Workers" entry. Susquehanna's Pilot Co-Op Program officially launched in advance of this year's Unit 2 refueling outage. It's also the first time in Susquehanna's 42 year history that a formal training program connecting area high school students with the nuclear power industry was formed.

TIP Awards will be presented during NEI's NECX, the 2025 Nuclear Energy Conference & Expo, September 8-11, 2025, at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, Ga.

"We're extremely honored by the NEI's selection of Susquehanna's Co-Op Program submission," said Chief Nuclear Officer Brad Berryman. "This unique program is the brain-child of Operations' CAPCO Kari Dyer—who is also heavily invested in Berwick's For the Cause Teen Center, Susquehanna's Safety Professional John Lussi—who had existing contacts with the Wilkes-Barre Area Career Training Center—previous Bargaining Unit Safety and Human Performance Advocate (BUSHPA) Keri Edwards—who's personal work experience at Susquehanna early in her career helped drive the program successfully, and SSS

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"This has been an exciting venture and I believe we have successfully changed the trajectory of each of these students lives."

Kari Dyer
Ops' CAPCO

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Superintendent Ken Lore who integrated the students into the Outage work schedule, pairing them up with exceptional mentors to provide the best learning and work experience.”

Principals Ryan Miner of Shickshinny’s Northwest Area High School and Dr. Anthony Guariglia, of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career Training Center (WBACTC), helped identify nine seniors who ultimately received training and the formal qualifications necessary to work alongside nuclear professionals during the most recent refueling and inspection outage at Susquehanna.

Safety Ops’ John Lussi, who also serves as an instructor for the Luzerne County Community College, helped provide OSHA training at the students’ school. The students then participated in numerous college-level educational training programs—which saved the school, the students and Talen time and money in delivering high quality programming.



Students head to the Refuel Floor but first don Protective Clothing. Senior Reactor Operator Ronnie Jarrett (2nd from L) leads Northwest Students (L-R) Branden Biller, Russel Cramer, Nate Cohan, and Makayla Lindbuchler and Confined Space Coordinator Darrell Bitler (2nd from R) on a tour of the Refuel Floor.

The students were then assigned to Site Support Services and worked in the department led by a Foreman or SSS Helper Lead. Many of the students not already leaving for college in the fall expressed an interest in coming back to work at Susquehanna as a result of the Co-Op Program.

In addition to serving as a member of the Station’s Fire Watch group, students served as Confined Space Attendants, Foreign Material Exclusion Coordinators, responsible for Lead Shielding and Decon, among other duties.

Congratulations, Kari, John, Keri and Kenny—and congratulations, Talen and Susquehanna Nuclear, for developing and supporting such a robust nuclear training program for students searching for a professional career in nuclear.



(L to R) Wilkes-Barre Area Career Training Center’s (WBACTC) Administrative Director Dr. Anthony Guariglia, Susquehanna Plant Manager Derek Jones, and WBACTC Principal Frank Majikes—who worked at Susquehanna during its construction phase while attending college for his degree tour the Station. Dr. Guariglia and Mr. Majikes were instrumental in launching the Co-Op Program within their organization.