

PIE Newsletter - June 16, 2015

Direct Energy & Local 12 Honor PIE CEO With "Volunteer Citizen of the Year" Award

PIE CEO and founder, Mary Welsh Schlueter, was awarded [Direct Energy](#) and Local 12 WKRC-TV's "Volunteer Citizen of the Year" Award.

This award honors Mary's "tireless work with PIE to bridge gaps to better futures and generate innovative avenues for STEM education."

As winner of the Cincinnati "Volunteer of the Year" Award, PIE received a \$5,000 donation from Direct Energy. This donation will be used to help fund a program that offers elementary and middle school students a chance to see how their skills stack up against 21st century workforce needs. Patterned after the Myers Briggs-style aptitude test, PIE is developing an app measuring critical thinking, decision-making using variable data points and psychographic assessments to be administered in classrooms or after school. These yearly aptitude readings can offer students hundreds of possible career path options to explore beginning in 4th grade.

Mary recently received her award during a special event at Local 12. To read the full press release and learn more, [click here](#).

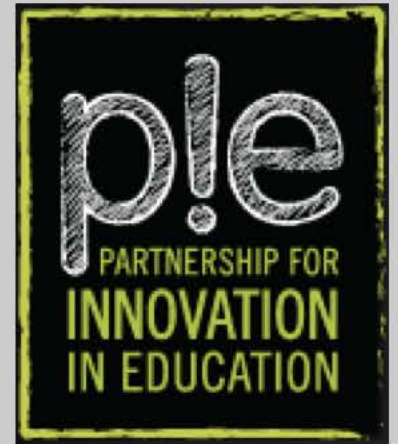


PIE CEO and Founder, Mary Welsh Schlueter

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"As an educator, this program allowed us to develop a connection between the classroom and how the scientific process works in the 'real world'," notes Kate Clarisey, sixth grade science educator. "Typically, STEM concepts can be abstract and tougher to teach, but with this program, the kids were active learners and do-ers."

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The Partnership for Innovation in Education (PIE) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Using experiential, digital, project-based and blended learning methods, students are encouraged to better develop STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)-based skills.

Mastering critical thinking skills and practicing hands-on applications of these concepts has become essential in competing in the global economy.

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Mary Welsh Shlueter, PIE CEO and founder (center left), celebrates her "Volunteer Citizen of the Year" Award with Tom Prisk, commercial manager for Direct Energy (far right), and three of her children (pictured from left to right: Frances, Emma and Peter).

PIE In The News

ArtsWave & Duke Energy Foundation Award Grants To PIE For Strategic Initiatives

ArtsWave recently awarded PIE with a grant to help the organization continue to provide K-12 students with real-world STEM learning opportunities and tools to accelerate academic achievement, workforce readiness and economic development in the Cincinnati region.

PIE also recently received an Education Foundation Grant from the Duke Energy Foundation for its work in developing the Educator's Case Based Tool Kit.

PIE in 30 Seconds



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Want a quick overview of what we do? Check out our new 30 second video above! Perfect for an introduction to our case-based program teaching STEM skills to middle school students, you'll want to learn more about PIE.

This fast tempo, hip video keeps your attention just like it does students as they are immersed in the strategic problem solving of a real world problem. Want to see more? View our full-length video [here](#) for more in-depth information about our program, testimonials from administrators, teachers, and Board of Education members.

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