

# New director named at Lawrence County School-to-Work

Effective Tuesday, Lynda Jaworski-Rapone is the new executive director of Lawrence County School-to-Work.

The announcement was made by Pamela Vass, chairperson of the organization.

Jaworski-Rapone succeeds Paula McMillin who is retiring after 10 years serving as the director.

A Westminster graduate with a degree in mathematics and education, Jaworski-Rapone worked in banking most of her career. Her most recent position was Vice President of Commercial Lending with First Merit Bank.

“We are delighted to have Lynda join the organization,” Vass said. “Her career and education is a perfect match for continuing the mission of School-to-Work.”

During McMillin’s tenure, School-to-Work programming expanded the eighth grade Health Career Fair, and created the 10th

grade Business and Industry Career Fair, Girls Engaging Mentors (GEM) for ninth-grade girls and the school counselors’ annual tour of local employers called Boot Camp for School Counselors.

McMillin was also responsible for the growth of the 11th- and 12th-grade Engineering Day. The Educator in the Workplace program placed educators in local businesses for a hands-on experience. Additionally, she provided various individual school presentations and workshops to help students better understand the career possibilities that exist locally for both non-college and college bound students.

School-to-Work is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1999 through a partnership between Lawrence County school districts and local employers. It is governed by a volunteer board with representatives from education and business.