



Local 1589 • Erie County Technical School

## Monthly Report to the Joint Operating Committee

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### Art and Industry Project Celebrates Manufacturing Heritage



The project, which convenes area manufacturers, faculty and students from Erie County Technical School and Erie Arts & Culture Teaching Artists, is one part pipeline development, sharing trends and career benefits within the sector and reinforcing the soft and hard skills students need to excel. It's also a history project, showcasing the stories and products created locally. Finally, it's a creative process, leading students through the design, fabrication and installation of public art.

Amanda Brown Sissem, Executive Director of Erie Arts & Culture states, "The Art & Industry project will produce a minimum of three new public art pieces located in our historic industrial corridor along and around 12th Street. The project celebrates Erie's manufacturing heritage and the

many products and industrial processes created locally, while challenging residents of all generations to consider what the city can become."

Art and Design for Business instructor, Danielle Wilber is the lead ECTS instructor for the project and Metal Fabrication instructor, Mark Cyphert lends his expertise as well. ECTS students participate by committing many hours, days, weeks, and months. We would like to commend our students, instructors, and members of Erie Arts and Culture for their time, talent, and perseverance.

Reference: [www.erieartsandculture.org](http://www.erieartsandculture.org)



Several ECTS students participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Art and Industry Project in September.

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**Kayla Noonan**  
*Cosmetology Instructor*

Who was a member of the PA High School Rodeo Team and earned the honor of Miss Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Queen in 2002? ...our own, Kayla Noonan, of course. Kayla and her husband live next door to her family's farm in Harborcreek, where she grew up training and caring for seven horses. She still enjoys riding now and again.

While a student at Harbor Creek High School, Kayla was enrolled in the Cosmetology program at ECTS. She earned her license at just 17. Kayla began her career working full time at Topics, a full service salon while earning an associates degree in business administration from Mercyhurst University. She attended Toni & Guy Hairdressing Academy where she received a cosmetology instructor's license. At age 19, Kayla was hired as an instructor at Toni & Guy and quickly developed a passion for education.

After more than eight years at Topics and Toni & Guy, Kayla acquired the salon manager position at the notable Ulta Beauty Salon. But she always knew she would one day return to ECTS as the cosmetology instructor. Kayla is a superb addition to our staff and is regarded as a high-toned, positive personality.

Kayla's husband of five years, Ricky is a veteran of the US Marine Corps, an operational engineer at PSN, and the proprietor of a new start-up business, Bonehead Hydrographics.

Kayla's next dream is to start a shoe boutique. According to Kayla, her family and her faith are what keep her grounded and make her happy. She adores her one-year-old nephew, feels blessed to live near her parents, and says she believes in kindness.

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