# Thank you to the companies who have joined the ACT Work Ready Program:

#### **New and Reaffirmed**

Oz Winery R-Tech Tool & Machine Shilling Construction Company Inc. Widgets Family Fun Home of the Flint Hills Wildcat Fitness & Fun Pawnee Mental Health Services Pottawatomie County Sarto Countertops USD 323 Rock Creek High School **Bayer Construction Company Inc Imagemakers** Carley Construction Co Inc **Peoples State Bank** Kaw Valley State Bank **ESB Financial** Adventure Time Child Care **Vision Source** Dry Clean City USD 320 Wamego Schools **Ebert Construction Co Inc** Country Stampede LLC KS StateBank St Marys Computers and Printing

4th & Elm Bar and Grill Three Rivers Inc. **Purple Wave Auction Brown Chevrolet Buick** Florence Corporation **Custom Wood Products Inc** Little Love Bugs Learning Center Sugar Creek Country Store **Bennington State Bank USD 322** Bank of the Flint Hills Friendship House Midland Exteriors Via Christi Village Manhattan **Champion Teamwear** Big Lakes Developmental Center Jamboree Drop-In Daycare **BHS Construction Onaga Meat Processing** Fox Home Innovations LLC

**Bluestem Orchard** 

**Prairieland Partners** 

**RW Milling Company** 

#### **Hope to Reaffirm**

Midwest Ace Hardware Foot Locker Distribution Center **USD 321 Midwest Concrete Materials** Community Healthcare System Inc Hope Lutheran Early Learning Center **Abbott Workholding Products** Advanced Property Management Inc Appletech Design & Construction Inc USD 383 Manhattan/Odgen Schools Senna LLC Brilliant Beginnings City of Manhattan RF Benchmark Construction Riley Construction Company Inc Alternative Air **Davcon Trucking** C.R.'s Tire & Automotive

**Electrical Concepts Inc** Leiszler Oil Community Health Ministry Kleencrew **Green Dot Bioplastics** Meadowlark Hills South 40 Cafe Kaw Valley Exterminator Musa Brother Supply Wamego Title Reed Co LLC Kansas Premium Meats Kansas Hardwoods Westy Community Care Home Inc **Howell Lumber Company** Affordable Electric Inc



## Why is Work Ready and Work Keys So Important

"Congratulations to Pottawatomie County, Kansas on becoming the first ACT Work Ready Community in the state and only the second county nationally to complete the second Maintenance Phase of their certification. This accomplishment demonstrates that the community is successfully developing workforce pipelines to help individuals meet their educational and career goals. In this major milestone the county is also showing that they are developing an awareness in the business community of the benefits to hiring an individual armed with an ACT WorkKeys NCRC. While the ACT Work Ready Community certification provides irrefutable proof as to the quality of the workforce, its maintaining communities like Pottawatomie County that show what can be accomplished when that data is leveraged to make a difference locally. We truly value our partnership with the Pottawatomie County team and look forward to more huge accomplishments in the future!"

- Fred McConnel, Director, ACT Work Ready Communities

"Students often have an idea of what they enjoy doing but don't always have a clear sense of the skills required for an occupation or how their own skills are compatible with careers. Work Keys can fill that gap by helping identify transferrable job skills and how they relate to specific careers of interest. A realistic sense of interests and skills is crucial in developing an effective Individual Plan of Study."

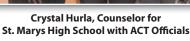
### Jina Kugler, Counselor, Wamego High School

"Being A Work Ready Community Champion allows the ease of hiring the best people, and trust what you hired them to do. It allows me to help match the employees to jobs based on verified skill levels. Finding the candidate who possesses the proper trade skill through the ACT Work Ready Program reduces the overall recruiting, onboarding and training cost. It's a win-win for all involved."

Tracey Faulkner, former Human Resource Manager, R Tech Tool & Machine









Onaga students who scored Platinum



Rock Creek Students who scored Platinum



Jina Kugler, Counselor for Wamego High School with PCEDC officers: Kevin Fateley and Doug Springer

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