

## Mingo Central Comprehensive High School Wins 2022 Pacesetter School Award

School honored for promoting engaging instruction and authentic work experiences

July 19, 2022 — Mingo Central Comprehensive High School in Delbarton, West Virginia, is the winner of a 2022 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. The school will be honored on July 19, 2022, at SREB's Making Schools Work Conference in Grapevine, Texas.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that are implementing one of SREB's Making Schools Work school improvement frameworks and are achieving success in meeting bold goals related to graduation rates, readiness for college and careers, and credential attainment.

Mingo Central implements [High Schools That Work](#) and [Technology Centers That Work](#), SREB's school improvement designs for high schools and technology centers. The school excels in providing engaging instruction and real-world work experiences for students through Simulated Workplace. Simulated Workplace is West Virginia's initiative to turn classrooms into real-world businesses complete with workplace protocols such as clocking in and out, working in teams to solve problems, and even passing drug tests.

During the pandemic, Mingo Central staff and students were tasked with creating 3D printed facemasks for the West Virginia Department of Education and the Army National Guard to distribute to healthcare workers. The school's welding program is working with the State Parks Department to create fire screens for state parks, and Marshall University has partnered with the school's graphic design program to repair graphics in the university's basketball stadium and make signs for its student pep section.

Students engage in hands-on project-based assignments in all academic and CTE courses. The school also places a priority on preparing students to attain credentials and certifications before graduating. During the 2020-21 school year, students earned 438 workforce credentials and every student graduated with an OSHA-10 certification.

SREB's [Making Schools Work Conference](#) is held annually and provides educators with opportunities to participate in professional development, network with colleagues from across the country and build school and district leadership capacity.

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