Visit with Encova Insurance

On October 4, the Pathways Scholarship students traveled to Encova Insurance, located in the downtown Columbus Discovery District. The two companies formerly known as Motorists Insurance Group and BrickStreet Mutual affiliated through a joint venture in 2017, and rebranded as Encova Insurance on July 15, 2019. Encova has over 1200 associates and sells insurance through over 2,000 independent agents in 28 states and the District of Columbia. Annual premiums are over $1 Billion, with a surplus of $1.46 Billion and assets of over $4.1 Billion. The scholars received an overview of Encova’s history since the founding of Motorists Insurance in 1928, as well as a summary of the business model for a mutual insurance company and of the Supply Management Services (SMS) by Brad Higgins, VP SMS. The SMS department consists of 9 associates that work on all aspects of the supply chain including spend management, contract management, and negotiations. The group also heard from Ralph Smithers, AVP Diversity and Community Relations, as well as received a tour of the building.

Much of the building is under construction to update in support of a collaborative, energetic work environment for an increasing diverse workforce. In addition the group heard and saw a new construction project – a 92 unit residential/retail project that is being built adjacent to Topiary Park and within a block of the recent $32 million overhaul of the Columbus Metropolitan Library and a $43 million addition to the Columbus Museum of Art. It was exciting to see Encova’s contribution to the re-energization of the Discovery District east of the Capitol in downtown Columbus.

Thank you Encova!
Encova is developing a 92 unit residential/retail project in the Discovery District east of Downtown Columbus.

Pathways Scholars on the 21st Floor of Encova looking West to the heart of Columbus.
Pathways Scholars welcomed to Encova October 4, 2019

Schedule for Year:

- October 25, 2019  Discussion on internships and resume building
- November 8, 2019  Corporate visit Wendy’s Quality Supply Chain Co-Operative
- November 22, 2019 Corporate visit Sherwin Williams
- January 17, 2020  Corporate visit JP Morgan Chase

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