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Vayots Dzor Regional State College being one of the 12 multifunctional colleges is the only TVET Institution and has a unique role in the region as there are no other institutions in the region. Here are taught 6 vocational and 3 craft occupations and carried out short-term educational programs with different specialization such as “Cooking”, “Computer”, “Hairdressing” and so on. In the result of the investment of short-term occupations the college enlarged its functions tutoring the unemployed registered in Local employment offices creating job opportunities for them.

Vayots Dzor Regional State College cooperates with USAID “Save the Children” organization, GIZ, Local employment offices, Local Government, “Anoushavan Abrahamyan Educational Foundation”, “Mountain Flowers”, NGOs, Youth Center, Diocese Youth Association, ASUE, many employers and schools.

The occupations taught in the college are chosen in the result of over viewing market and needs of the region. Thanks to which ever year the number of students increases. In order to organize full trainings and carry them out the lecturers and the administrative staff of the college participate in professional and nonprofessional trainings carried out by GIZ, NCVETD. One of the best achievements in education is the implementation of “Dual” system and distance learning on “Winemaking” occupation.

In 2013-2014 College began implement Moodle electronic program. It was a hard job to include about 400 staff (students, lecturers, masters) in that project.

That kind of learning was a great a opportunity for some students and there are others who didn't have a chance to take such kind of opportunity because of link or the absence of computer. Nevertheless the step of success was vivid and the difficulties overcome. I hope that those opportunities somewhat has developed and e-learning is more applicable now.

The application of e-learning is considerable for “Winemaking” occupation from the view of having more targeted results.

The master working in the factory created an opportunity for students to have their professional trainings in the factory changing his office into auditorium to carry out theoretical trainings of vocational modules and using the whole space of the factory for practical learning having them to get involved in all the processes of winemaking production and making the students get interested in winemaking occupation. In the result it was carried out an interesting training thanks to which the employer had a great chance of choosing trustful employees.

The partnership with “Anoushavan Abrahamyan Foundation” is a big achievement for Vayots Dzor Regional State College.

With funding of Anoushavan Abrahamyan Educational Foundation and with support of UITE was opened robotics classroom which is one of 7 classrooms opened in Vayots Dzor Regional State College. The lecturer was a private employer who was aware of inventions. In the results the students became the part of working environment of the sector and they deal with current issues and they participate to find ways and solve those issues.

In 2013 it was given great importance for developing students’ entrepreneurial skills. The lecturer Susanna Hakobyan created an organization named “The odor of mountains” with 15 students from “Economics, Accounting and Audit” specialization they packaged herbs and sold them.

In 2015 the lecturer Susanna Hakobyan created an organization called “Golden Autumn” with 15 students from “Economics, Accounting and Audit” specialization which made dry fruits and packed them. In the result of this project students gained skills such as how to set up organization, preparation of documents, sale, income management, liquidation of organization, and the profit was spent on charity, it was allocated to Armenak Aroustamyan with the aim of treatment that fought in April battles.

Since 2016 September it was set up an organization called “Sunshine” in the college which produced candles. The students sold them and now this process is in liquidation stage. After the formation of NGO the profit will be managed by the students according to the project.

4th year student Ruben Haroutyunov from “Computing machinery and automated systems software” specialty after participating in “World Skills” Armenian level and winning in the stage of the management of IT systems was allowed to participate in international competition taking place in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 2015 August 11-16 / there were winners from 62 countries/.

In 2016 May 27 Ruben was invited to participate in IT –Planeta in Ekaterinburg Olympiad after wining in qualifying stage that took place in Yerevan in 2015. He took the 2nd place in the competition staying behind the winner only for a few minutes.

The College, joining the program “Promotion of the Employment of persons with disabilities”, which is implemented by “Save the Children” organization' and 'Mountain flowers” in collaboration with the NGO organized short-term training programs. For the 1st round there were organized meetings with the active members of the communities to present the right skills to communicate with persons with disabilities. For the 2nd stage College

engaged in discovering, developing and presenting works by talented persons with disabilities in order to involve them in the labor market. Within the framework of SAVEE project College organized short-term trainings for 20 young people with disabilities on “Applied decorative items made of wood” occupation and for other 20 students “Computer Science and Software Systems” occupation. The project has started on September 15 and will end on November 30, which has been purchased for the implementation of a new, more motivating and full equipment, as well as has built ramps for organizing and implementing training properly.

There is a tradition in the college that the specialists working here have leading jobs in other institutions.

Now 5-6 lecturers of college teach in the ASUE Yeghegnadzor branch. There are some specialists who can't teach because of workload are involved in other committees of the college, take part in current examinations as assistants, represent the needs of employees in particular system and are taken into account during organizing study process. All these processes support connections with employees.

The college being the only institution in vocational educational system and having its unique role in organizing youth education and upbringing at the same forms a full-fledged citizen in society. College students are active participants in all organized events and very often they are the initiators of those events.