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Those include companies such as Accenture, Clarivoy, EasyIT, Huntington, ICC, Nationwide and State Auto, he said.

At the same time, it works with other fields such as manufacturing. Apprenticeships in that industry include AEP, Autotool, Honda, Nico and Panasonic, among others.

“We want to help fill jobs they wouldn’t be able to fill otherwise.”

JPMorgan Chase, meanwhile, has a more laser-focused plan in connection with Ohio State University.

Jeff Lyttle, executive director of university relationships and workforce mobility at Chase, said the financial firm is the largest employer of OSU grads in the city.

“We know the power of it,” he said. “Ohio State is easily one of the largest pools of undergraduate talent for Chase in the world.

“We typically recruit eight of 10 (OSU) interns to be full-time employees,” Lyttle said. “Our institutions are very intertwined.”

He said that of Chase’s 19,000 employees in Central Ohio, 1,700 are OSU grads. And last year, 140 of its interns were students there.

Chase has other partners, too.

“I work with Columbus State ... Otterbein and other universities in the region who are sources of great talent for us,” Lyttle said. “We work with recruiters to make sure we are doing things strategically and are thoughtful about how we’re trying to engage with students.”

At Otterbein, Chase created a financial technology research and development arm, creating close to 100 jobs, while also mentoring and preparing the next graduating class of students with financial-related degrees, many of whom have gone on to work at Chase.

Currently, about 250 Otterbein alums work at Chase.

Ultimately, Lyttle said, his job is to make students interested in the financial field to consider Chase – and Columbus – for the long term.

“We want to engage with the students as mentors to expose them to Chase,” he said. “And help with their journey to stay and hopefully be an employee of ours.”

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