

Healthcare Career Encounters

This year's **Healthcare Career Encounters** (sponsored by **Methodist Medical Center, P.E.R.F.E.C.T., and Tazewell County EFE**) were held on October 21, November 14, and December 1. A total of **155** high school students from Peoria and Tazewell counties and District 150 were introduced to some of the many career opportunities available in the healthcare industry. Students participated in activities provided by representatives from **Pharmacy, Lab/Pathology, Information Technology and Dietary/Food Service**, as well as, presentations by representatives from the **College of Nursing, Medical Imaging, Respiratory Care, and Surgery**. We want to thank everyone at Methodist for providing this great experience for our students!



"All the presenters were full of information and helpful."



"The nursing speakers were awesome!"

"All of the hands-on things were pretty cool."



Respiratory



"More job opportunities than expected."

"I was worried it would be boring but it was fun and the interaction was great."

"I appreciate this opportunity and it was very informative."

X-ray



"I feel the program was very well put together and it met my needs."

Lab



Hospitality & Tourism Work-Based Learning

Students in the new **Hospitality & Tourism Work-Based Learning Program** started classes on January 20, 2009, at the Peoria Civic Center. This program is in its pilot year with **14** students currently enrolled.

The students have completed an introduction to the industry and team-building activities. Activities throughout the remainder of the semester will include classroom lessons and hands-on training in lodging, food and banquet services, travel, tourism, and sports and entertainment. Training sites will include a variety of established business locations including members of the **Heart of Illinois Hospitality Association**.



Welcome Holly Kahn!

Ms. Kahn has joined the P.E.R.F.E.C.T. staff as an instructor for the new **Hospitality & Tourism Work-Based Learning Program**. Holly is currently a Family and Consumer Science instructor at Peoria Heights High School where she has taught for three years. Prior to teaching at Peoria Heights, Holly was a small business owner where she owned and managed “A Stitch in Time” for ten years.

Construction Industry Work-Based Learning



Thirty-six students completed the first semester of the Construction Industry Work-Based Learning Program this year. Activities during the last half of the semester included bricklaying, blueprint reading, sign making, basic electrical wiring and

plumbing. Spring semester activities have already included First Aid and CPR certification, an introduction to building performance and “Green Collar” careers, as well as, the beginning of un-paid internships for many of the students.

Many thanks to those who have hosted and/or provided instructors for our students so far this year including: **Electricians Local 34, University of Illinois Extension, Plasterers & Cement Masons Local 18, Mid-Central Illinois Regional Council of Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Training Program, Carpenters Local 183, Laborers Local 165, River City Construction, Bradley University, Sheet Metal Workers Local 1, Bricklayers Local 6, Steamfitters Local 353, and Plumbers Local 63.** Also, thank you to the **Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity** for providing P.E.R.F.E.C.T. with a grant through the Equal Opportunities Grant Program and making our continued partnership with **TRICON** available to even more students in Central Illinois.



Women in Construction: “Electrician’s Spotlight”



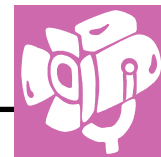
Twenty-three students from **six** schools participated in the **Electrician’s Spotlight** on November 21, 2008, at the Electrician’s Apprenticeship School in Peoria. The students were introduced to the many career and training opportunities available in the union construction industry through the National Electrical Contractor’s Association.

Hands-on activities included basic electrical wiring and conduit bending. The activities were led by women who are currently working as electricians for local contractors.

Many thanks to **IBEW/NECA Local 34** for hosting this event and providing instructors and supplies for the hands-on activities. This event was funded by a grant from the Equal Opportunities Grant Program through the **Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity**.



In the Spotlight...



Farmington High School students foresee **Advanced Accounting** as a “credit” to post-secondary success...

This is the **third** year for **Advanced Accounting** at **Farmington Central High School**. The program continues to grow. This year seven students are enrolled. The goal of the course is to prepare students for accounting classes at the college level. Perkins Grant money was utilized this year to purchase laptops for classroom use.

Ryan Stobaugh, a future **Business Management** student, said “the computers speed up the process. You still have to understand how to journalize the transactions and how they affect the accounts. Now when you complete a corporate worksheet, you can concentrate on the entries instead of spending so much time adding up the long column of figures.” The class has also helped him with the work he does for his Co-op job at Caterpillar. **Gabe Ayers** plans to enter the field of **Sports Management**. “You will definitely need an accounting background in this field.” **Jennison Ebbert** plans to be an **Accounting** major. “I wasn’t sure about my major until I took Accounting. The advanced class helped me decide this was the field for me.” **Paige Ledbetter** will need to take some accounting classes for her major in **Human Resources** and finds the class helpful. **Donnie Rose** also plans to major in **Business Management**. “Taking this prior knowledge to the college classroom will really make the transition to college easier,” stated Donnie. **Charlie Balagna** and **Dakota Horn** round out the class roll. They plan on entering the fields of **Engineering** and **Broadcasting**, respectively. These are just a few of the students at Farmington Central High School benefiting from **Career and Technical Education**.

(Respectfully submitted by Verda Roberts, Teacher, Farmington Central High School)

Best Graduate Schools for **Business...**

These institutions were at the top of *U.S. News & World Report’s* most recent graduate school rankings.

1. Harvard University
2. Stanford University
3. University of Pennsylvania
4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
5. Northwestern University
6. University of Chicago
7. Dartmouth University
8. University of California at Berkeley
9. Columbia University
10. New York University

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“To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Starting salaries by college major

Engineering	\$49,707
Computer Programming	\$46,775
Mathematics	\$46,405
Economics	\$43,419
Accounting	\$42,104
Chemistry	\$41,638
Management Science	\$40,592
Finance	\$38,024
Business/Marketing	\$35,838
History	\$34,257
Foreign Languages	\$34,049
Sociology	\$33,858
Psychology	\$32,188
Elementary Education Teaching	\$30,497
Art	\$28,479
Philosophy	\$28,234

Source: *CESalary.com* and *Salary Expert*



P.E.R.F.E.C.T. “Points in Time”



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 2009		Career and Technical Education Month	
February 5, 2009	1:30	P.E.R.F.E.C.T. Board of Control	P.E.R.F.E.C.T.
February 11, 2009		ICTA Workshop	Capital Area Career Center, Springfield
February 16, 2009		President’s Day- office closed	
March 1, 2009		Regional Work-Based Learning Program Applications due	
March 2, 2009		Casimir Pulaski Day- office closed	
March 5, 2009	1:30	P.E.R.F.E.C.T. Board of Control	P.E.R.F.E.C.T.
March 25-26, 2009		Connections Conference	Crowne Plaza, Springfield
April 2, 2009	1:30	P.E.R.F.E.C.T. Board of Control	P.E.R.F.E.C.T.
April 6-13, 2009		Spring break- office closed	
May 7, 2009	1:30	P.E.R.F.E.C.T. Board of Control	P.E.R.F.E.C.T.
May 14, 2009	1-2:30	Student Services Committee Networking Luncheon	Basta Mangiare Peoria Heights
May 25, 2009		Memorial Day- office closed	
June 16-18, 2009		IACTE Conference/Annual Meeting	Tinley Park, IL

Job Quiz



According to a survey by the *National Opinion Research Center*, people in four of these fields are the happiest with their careers. Can you identify and rank the **top four**?

- A. Professional athlete
- B. Architect
- C. Actor or actress
- D. Firefighter
- E. Clergy member
- F. School teacher
- G. Airline pilot
- H. Ticket agent



(Money)

Ranked in this order:
Firefighter, clergy member,
ticket agent, and architect.

Answers:



Career Clusters-

Focusing Education On The Future

Career Clusters and their **Pathways** help to prepare all Students for College, Technical Training, Apprenticeships and Careers

Career Clusters prepare learners of all ages for the information age as schools, colleges, and employers are striving for higher achievement in science, math and communication. One key to improving learner achievement is providing learners with relevant contexts for studying and learning. Career Clusters offer a context by linking school-based learning with the knowledge and skills required for continued success.



- Food Products and Processing Systems
- Plant Systems
- Animal Systems
- Power, Structural and Technical Systems
- Natural Resources Systems
- Environmental Service Systems
- Agribusiness Systems



- Design/Pre-Construction
- Construction
- Maintenance/Operations



- Audio and Video Technology and Film
- Printing Technology
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts
- Journalism and Broadcasting
- Telecommunications



- Management
- Business Financial Management and Accounting
- Human Resources
- Business Analysis
- Marketing
- Administrative and Information Support



- Administration and Administrative Support
- Professional Support Services
- Teaching/Training



- Financial and Investment Planning
- Business Financial Management
- Banking and Related Services
- Insurance Services



- Governance
- National Security
- Foreign Service
- Planning
- Revenue and Taxation
- Regulation
- Public Management and Administration



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- Therapeutic Services
- Diagnostics Services
- Health Informatics
- Support Services
- Biotechnology Research and Development



- Restaurants and Food/Beverage Services
- Lodging
- Travel and Tourism
- Recreation, Amusements and Attractions



- Early Childhood Development and Services
- Counseling and Mental Health Services
- Family and Community Services
- Personal Care Services
- Consumer Services



- Network Systems
- Information Support and Services
- Interactive Media
- Programming and Software Development



- Correction Services
- Emergency and Fire Management Services
- Security and Protective Services
- Law Enforcement Services
- Legal Services



- Production
- Manufacturing Production Process Development
- Maintenance, Installation and Repair
- Quality Assurance
- Logistics and Inventory Control
- Health, Safety and Environmental Assurance



- Engineering and Technology
- Science and Math



- Transportation Operations
- Logistics Planning and Management Services
- Warehousing and Distribution Center Operations
- Facility and Mobile Equipment Maintenance
- Transportation Systems/ Infrastructure Planning, Management and Regulation
- Health, Safety and Environmental Management
- Sales and Services

“The impossible is often the untried.”

Jim Goodwin





*“Few will have the greatness to bend history itself;
but each of us can work to change a small portion
of events, and in the total; of all those acts
will be written the history of this generation.”*

Robert F. Kennedy

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