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Area Learning Center & Beacon Program Career and College Fair

Career & College Readiness by Tara McLellan ALC/Beacon Principal

The West Central Education District Area Learning Center and Beacon Program are addressing career and college readiness skills by focusing on academic performance, exploring/preparing for career paths, and character education (such as self-advocacy, teamwork, problem solving, and communication skills).

A Career & College Fair for Beacon and ALC 9-12th graders was held on November 22, 2016 at the Area Learning Center in Melrose. Representation from 15 different employment options, 3 colleges, and the National Guard provided for a day filled with a greater understanding of career interests and several new interests were sparked.

The following businesses/career options were represented, based on the interest level of our student body: Kraemer Lumber, Felling Trailer, Centra Care, Body Balance Therapy, Midwest Machinery, Jessica's Shear Paradise, Central MN Realty, Pundsack Collision Center, Rihm Kenworth, MN Veterinary Association Inc., Computer Technology Center, Jennie-O, Melrose Fire Department, Coborn's, and the Learning Tree Child Care.



“I learned a lot today!”

Representing the colleges and military include: Alexandria Technical & Community College, Central Lakes Community College, St. Cloud State University, and the National Guard. Students had the opportunity to learn about the programs offered, how to enroll, as well as support students can receive while attending.

"Amazing Day!"



Student testimonials....

"I enjoyed listening and I'm excited to be going there!"

"Thank you for taking the time to visit us."

"Great job explaining what SCSU has to offer."

"I loved this presentation!"

"I learned so much about your business."

Thanks for answering my questions.

"Thanks for coming! I'm going to look more into this type of career!"