

Fall Kickoff 2008 ~ Re-cap!

Thanks to all of you for making our Fall Kickoff event such a HUGE success! We really enjoyed seeing those of you who made it -- what a turn out it was! As a reminder, here is a recap of what was covered (or a synopsis for those who missed it!).

First, we updated you on all that is NEW at the C3N/ Tech Prep office:

- ✓ Tech Prep credit is now ABSLOUTELY FREE for students. After discussions with our stakeholders, it was unanimously decided to drop our registration fee – effective immediately! Please spread the word!
- ✓ Our email addressees have changed:
 - Joyce.carroll@bellevuecollege.edu
 - Tanya.retinger@bellevuecollege.edu
 - Amy.west@bellevuecollege.edu
- ✓ Our web address was updated to reflect our new name: www.collegecreditcareersnetwork.org.
- ✓ Our website contains more resources for you than ever before! All of our program materials that we gave out at the event last week plus much more! Here are some of the resources now available:
 - Flyers / handouts
 - Student Registration Instructions
 - FAQ's for: * students, * parents, * district users
 - Programs of Study
 - Date mining project
 - Articulated courses (course competencies will be posted in late November)
 - Student Ambassador Video (by Friday!!)
- ✓ Your comments, suggestions and feedback on new resources to post are greatly appreciated.
- ✓ Please recycle ALL OLD materials, especially those that mention a registration fee. We are happy to provide new materials whenever possible – just ask!

Next, Mary Buckner, Career Specialist from Inglemoor High School shared her tips for Tech Prep Success:

- ✓ According to results from our recent data collection project, Inglemoor High School (and Northshore School District) do a *stellar* job of transitioning Tech Prep students into the four community and technical colleges in our consortium! Mary detailed how Northshore excels at providing a strong and integrated message of support for the Tech Prep program. Mary's PowerPoint presentation is now available on our website.

Then came the main event: Engineering 101

- ✓ Lake Washington Technical College faculty member, Ken Brown, provided an educational and entertaining overview of the broad field of Engineering. Ken debunked many of the myths and preconceived notions surrounding Engineering. He also provided insight into strategies the faculty at LWTC have developed to support and encourage student success. LWSD conducts a weekly overview of their Engineering program: Wednesdays at 10am in room E-228 or by appointment. Both of Ken's PowerPoint presentations are available on our website.

- ✓ Joyce Fagal, the University of Washington Engineering advisor located at Shoreline Community College, presented information about SCC's programs and also outlined the process for transferring into the engineering field from a two year college.
- ✓ Our employer and student panel was very well received. A special thank you to all who participated.
 - Gary Buchanan, Director of Human Resources for Sea-Tac International Airport, Port of Seattle
 - Eileen Francisco, Asst. Director of the Capital Improvement Program for Sea-Tac Airport, Port of Seattle
 - Charles Wittenberg, Director of Business Development, PACE Engineers Inc.
 - Nicholas Silling, Technical Principal at The Boeing Company
 - Rob Walbrun, Technical Design Skill Leader at The Boeing Company
 - Justin Johnson, Sprinkler Design at Cosco Fire Protection, graduate of Lake Washington Technical College
 - Annie Umali-Luck, Lake Washington Technical College student
- ✓ This interactive discussion was quite educational. If you would like contact information from the employers who participated, please let us know. Gary Buchannan of the Port of Seattle mentioned that internships are available for students and for more information you are welcome to contact him directly or check out there website:
<http://www.portseattle.org/about/employment/internships.shtml>

Finally: NEVAC with Pam Darling

- ✓ Our event ended with Pam Darling of NEVAC sharing the NEVAC's recent changes and fielding question about the new Skills Center's. Our shared winter kick off event will be January 21st.

Once again we would like to thank all of you who joined us last Wednesday. Please check our website for further details from this event and all follow up materials. If you have any questions, need assistance or would like to order marketing materials, please contact us! Have a wonderful school year ☺