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## **Education for Employment System #330**

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## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Conference**

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Conference was held in January at the I-Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign. We welcomed in approximately 2,500 students for this seven-day event.

8<sup>th</sup> graders from over 20 schools completed the Career Cruising

matchmaker, which allowed them to be registered for two breakout sessions. The breakout sessions were led by professionals from various career areas. Topper Steinman and Phil Edwards served as keynote speakers for the event. Students received a conference booklet, as well as a follow-up brochure

mailed to their home, with information about career exploration and planning.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Topper, Phil, and the more than 90 speakers from the community that volunteered their time to provide an awesome experience for the students!

## **Trade-Up 2016**

EFE #330 is pleased to announce that in conjunction with Parkland College and the East Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council, we will again be offering a hands-on career exploration event entitled Trade-Up 2016.

This event will be open to students in junior high/

middle school and will be held on Friday, April 29 at the Parkhill Applied Technology Center at Parkland College. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m., with lunch provided. Ideally, students that participate will be those that have shown an aptitude for hands-on learning and/or an interest in a CTE-related field.

Representatives from local labor unions will be on hand to demonstrate and allow students to participate in different tasks associated with the building trades. Parkland College will also provide several stations associated with their technical programs.

Contact Nick or Renaë for more information.

## **Summer Construction Program**

EFE #330 is again taking applications for our regional summer construction program. Any current sophomore or junior that is enrolled in an EFE school is eligible to apply for the program. We will be accepting approximately 15 students for our 2016 class.

Students will have the opportunity to earn an OSHA 10-hour safety

certification and participate in hands-on training at a skilled trades training facility. In past years, we have also toured the Facilities Department at the University of Illinois and visited Parkland College to learn more about dual credit opportunities.

This year's students will participate in a construction project in

partnership with Habitat for Humanity. The class will be taught by Alex Ramirez, from Central High School. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be awarded high school credit in Residential Carpentry and be eligible for a \$500 stipend.

Contact Renaë for more information about the program.

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## ***Early College and Career Academy***

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*An Urbana High School welding student works on his project, during a recent visit to the school.*

The spring semester is winding down for the inaugural group of Early College and Career Academy (ECCA) students. A total of 85 students are enrolled this spring.

The students are participating in a variety of programs, including:

- Automotive
- CNA
- Computer Networking
- Criminal Justice
- EMS
- Manufacturing

We are currently accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. As this is a true dual credit opportunity, all of the students will be earning both high school elective credit and Parkland College credit for the coursework they complete through the ECCA. If students are interested in pursuing careers in these areas, ECCA is an excellent opportunity for them to get a head start on their post-secondary education and gain skills to become better prepared for the workforce.

Criminal Justice and both Health Professions programs are offered as one-year programs. Automotive, Computer Networking, and Manufacturing all have two-year options, but both juniors and seniors can apply.

If you ever have questions about ECCA, please contact us or stop by our office in Room A113 at Parkland College. We are excited to continue to build awareness and interest in this awesome opportunity.

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## ***Financial Update***

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### **FY-16 CTEI Grant**

We are in receipt of our July-February state payments. This has allowed us to distribute 75% of each district's total FY-16 allocation to their district office. CTE departments should be in the process of obligating these available funds and planning to spend the remainder of their allocations by May 1. Like previous years, we will send each district the final 25% of their allocation once we receive adequate documentation that the full amount has been obligated. Please let me know if you need assistance with this process.

### **FY-16 Year-end Allocation**

The EFE #330 Governing Board approved a year-end allocation for all districts at the March 16 board meeting. Please organize complete requests and submit them to Shelly by May 1. This will allow us to complete purchases in a timely manner. As this is completely separate from your CTEI grant, our office will handle all purchasing. Please contact Nick or Shelly with any questions about the year-end allocation.

### **Links to EFE Social Media**



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## ***Important Upcoming Dates!!***

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### **April 2016**

April 19 – Tech in CTE Workshop

April 20 – EFE Full Board Meeting

April 21 – EFE Principals Meeting/Grant Writing Workshop

April 22 – Summer Construction Applications Due

April 29 – Trade-Up 2016

### **May 2016**

May 18 – EFE Executive Committee Meeting

May 30 – Memorial Day – EFE Closed