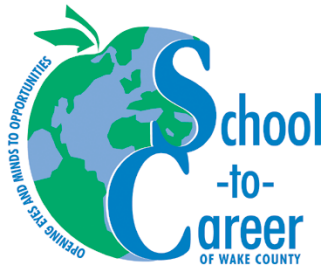


Xtreme Beginnings: Where do we go from here?



The eighth-annual Xtreme Beginnings career exploration event will be held at the Jane S. McKimmon Center on Friday, April 18, 2008, from 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM. Over 600 high school students from the Wake County Public School System are expected to participate this year. Hundreds of educators and business professionals will be on hand as well.

Students will participate in round table discussions with business professionals. Small groups of students will sit around a table with a business professional to discuss career opportunities in a specific career area. Twenty-one different career areas will be represented including: Biological and Chemical Technologies, Business Technologies, Commercial and Artistic Production Technologies, Engineering Technologies, and Health Sciences.

Other round table discussions focus on skills needed to get that first job. These include: Getting your Foot in the Door, Skills Needed for your Future, and The Reality of Employability & Inappropriate Choices.

Students will attend a Higher Education Fair where over 40 postsecondary education programs will be featured. The focus of this fair is introducing the students to programs that take two years or less to complete.

The Employment Fair, co-sponsored by the JobLink Career Center, will have about 40 employers who are hiring high school graduates. Many of these companies might also be hiring high school students for internships during the school year.

Eighty business professionals will be conducting practice job interviews with the students. These practice job interviews prepare the students for their first “real” job interview. Most of the business people conducting the practice job interviews are human resource professionals from triangle area companies.

Before coming to Xtreme beginnings, the students are prepared on how to dress, how to act, and are taught the right questions to ask.

Xtreme Beginnings is truly a wonderful event that opens the eyes and minds of tomorrow’s leaders, to a vast array of educational and career opportunities.

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