



Connecting Students & Business For A Brighter Economic Future



Mission:



The Experience Work Project (EWP) is a partnership between education and business that supports secondary and post-secondary students by helping them connect with local businesses to obtain job shadows, internships, mentorships, and other support services to enhance career readiness.



Vision:



To be the exclusive liaison connecting students with career learning opportunities in the business community to drive workforce development by the year 2015.



Current Funding:

- \$10,000 Opportunity Partnership Grant through Northwest Workforce Council to provide job shadow and internship for Skagit Valley College Students enrolled in health care programs.
- \$4995 Perkins Grant through Skagit Valley College to support a min. of 21 qualifying students through job shadow and internship opportunities.
- \$4995 WorkFirst Grant to support a min. of 21 qualifying WorkFirst students through job shadow and internship opportunities.
- \$7500 Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Grant to provide 93 Anacortes High School students job readiness skill training, administering DISC testing, and coordinating job shadow opportunities in their career field of interest for all student program participants.



EWP Non-funded Support Serviced Provided:

- Sept. 2013 - Current
- 21st Century Program – Coordinate weekly career speakers and enrichment activities. EWP Coordinator also completed a soft-skills workshop.
- Burlington Edison and Mount Vernon School District GEAR UP/RISE UP 2014 Skagit Business Leadership and Youth Dinner committee member – Aligned 15 diverse business leaders throughout Skagit County to converse with 100 students for a 3 hour mentorship dinner.



- Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC) 2014 Schmooze Cruise committee member. 10 select tours in manufacturing industry Oct. 3, 2014. Coordinating with 5 Districts, (Superintendents, Principals, & CTE Directors) Skagit Valley College (Manufacturing Chairs for Mount Vernon & Whidbey campus), and Center for Excellence Marine Technology to attend event. Currently providing over 300 grants for students 11th to College level committed to attend.



EWP Challenges

- The average cost per student to participate in our program is \$100.
- EWP completed “test program” to determine the need and resources exist.
- Current funding does not support EWP vision to expand services to all students in Skagit County.
- EWP operates on 1 – part time staff member, which does not support our vision.
- If funding was available, we could expand the program to include more students, business mentors, and school county wide.



We need grant funding support!

The Experience Work Project (EWP) is looking to obtain state grant funding to expand our services to all students in Skagit Valley.

Thank you,

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