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CareerExpo/Skills USA

CEFGA's CareerExpo/Skills USA Event – A Hands-on Approach to Connecting Talent with Industry.

CEFGA

CEFGA partners with construction companies, trade associations, the Technical College System of Georgia, and the Georgia Department of Education to support training programs and encourage students to pursue careers in construction.

MISSION

We are committed to building a talent pipeline for the construction industry.

VISION

We seek to raise the profile of the construction industry and position careers in construction as a top choice for any student pursuing a well-paid, exciting and rewarding professional life.

While your typical career fair may consist of handouts and trinkets, at CEFGA's annual CareerExpo event, that is a not the major draw for the students. This is an event where students can see and in some cases, experience first hand the types of jobs that are available in the construction industry.

In the middle of the CareerExpo activities, there are also students participating in the Skills USA competitions. There are nearly 30 competitions which range painting to plumbing to architectural design.

Since 2008, GEICC has been involved with the CareerExpo as an outreach to our future workforce. The intent is to get them excited about a career in energy or energy related construction. GEICC Member companies from the electric utility sector, industrial construction and education collaborate to provide students from across the state of Georgia with opportunities to see first hand what types of jobs are available within the electric utility and industrial construction industries.

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FIRST Robotics

FIRST Robotics – Engineers in the making

How can you tell if someone is really interested in engineering? Why not check them out at a FIRST Robotics competition. With the support of employers, students are given a robot to "engineer" and get ready for competition. As part of their learning experience, these students must learn several key elements of business such as branding, raising capital, and team work.

In 2010, GEICC hosted a booth at the local competition with plans to continue our involvement in FIRST Robotics.

VISION

"To transform our culture by creating a world where science and technology are celebrated and where young people dream of becoming science and technology leaders."
Dean Kamen, Founder

MISSION

Our mission is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

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www.usfirst.org

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What Are Career Academies?

Georgia College & Career Academies
Opening the Door to Your Career!

College and Career

Career Academies are all about giving students options. Graduates are ready for great careers and have earned college credits for a head start on postsecondary education.

Career Academies in Georgia are schools that serve high school students and have the following basic components:

- Students are prepared for college and career
- Small learning community environments provide supportive atmospheres
- Curriculum is sequenced and integrates academics and career-based learning
- Dual credit courses give students the opportunity to earn high school and college credits
- Each academy links high school to business, civic community, and higher education
- Each academy measures and shows impact on student performance and achievement
- Career themes reflect local economy

The Career Academies goals include raising student aspirations and commitment and increasing their academic and career achievement. While Career Academies can have a variety of different features or structures, for ease of comparison, they can be categorized into three models:

1. The comprehensive (9th -12th grade or 10th-12th grade) Career Academy where students attend all day and take both academic and career/technical courses;
2. The Career Academy (11th -12th grade or 10th – 12th grade) Center offering primarily career/technical courses where students return to their "home" high school for academics.
3. The "School within a School" Career Academy. (9th-12th grade, 10th -12th grade or 11th – 12th grade) is a well defined structure within a larger comprehensive high school reflecting its status as a small learning community.

Each of these models can be Charter Schools, but none of them must be a Charter School. Charter School status allows for flexibility of operations that may not otherwise be available. (see the Georgia Department of Education web site for information about charter schools: www.gadoe.org

In each of the three Career Academy models, dual enrollment courses offered to students by the local Technical College provide a wide variety of choices to the students. These courses give the students the advantage of earning high school and college credits in the career area of their choice.

Each of these models of career/technical focused schools or learning communities can help students complete their high school diplomas, earn college credits and learn skills needed to successfully compete in today's workforce. There are many successful schools based on each of these models.

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