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It is the vision of CCRESA to create an environment where everyone is continually learning.

In pursuit of this vision, CCRESA will:

- Deliver high quality educational programming and support
- Lead the pursuit of educational opportunities for learners of all ages
- Model and encourage lifelong learning
- Continually challenge the status quo

Mission Statement

It is the mission of CCRESA to lead and support learning.

In pursuit of this mission, CCRESA will:

- Prepare learners to be successful in a competitive, global economy
- Continually enhance student achievement
- Employ a competent, enthusiastic staff that provides exemplary customer service
- Collaborate with schools and other agencies
- Continually assess the effectiveness and efficiency of CCRESA programs and services

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Career Education Month



Wayne Petroelje

February is Career Education Month, so what better time to highlight the wonderful opportunities available to students and the great partnerships Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency (CCRESA) has with our local school districts and area business community partners. The CCRESA Career Education Department provides programs for our six local districts and neighboring school districts. In this issue of the CCRESA Visions Newsletter, we will highlight Career Education programming that spans the entire county and school year.

The Vision of CCRESA Career Connections is "To provide comprehensive Career Education programming" and the Mission is "To help prepare all students for life beyond high school". With great collaboration, CCRESA is providing excellent opportunities to our students. About 14 Countywide Career Connections Courses are available to area juniors and seniors and eight of the programs provide a year II option as well. All classes run the entire school year and provide opportunities for free college credit. See more detailed descriptions of these courses in this edition. During the 2013-14 school year, 213 Career Connections students earned 1,163 Lansing Community College Credits at no cost to the student! Other postsecondary institutions also provided opportunities for college credit as well. Career Connections classrooms are located at CCRESA, the CCRESA Education Center, an area medical center, as well as DeWitt, Fowler, Ovid-Elsie and St. Johns high schools. CCRESA also supports local school districts that offer on-site Career Education classes that are available to their in-house students.

As the Career Connections motto says: "dream it... connect it... accomplish it". I might also add, "Start thinking about it for next year." Career Connections plans are well underway for the 2015-16 school year as we celebrate February-Career Education Month.



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Clinton County School Districts Consider “Balanced Calendar”

Clinton County School District Superintendents have been learning more about what a “Balanced Calendar” could mean for students in Clinton County. When formal schooling was first established it was based on the needs of the community at that time. The nine month calendar was established when 85% of Americans were involved with agriculture. Today only about 3% are involved in agriculture and many schools are climate controlled. Some districts in Michigan are considering that learning lost over an extended summer may not be what is best for students today.

A “Traditional Calendar” features a long summer break of about twelve weeks, school starting after Labor Day, followed by a long period of in-session days, with a short break coming at Thanksgiving. A winter break is followed by another long period of in-session days and then a short spring break. Spring break is followed by a long period of in-session days and then the school year ends in June.

A “Balanced Calendar” would keep the same number of total school days, but distribute time off days in a more balanced fashion. The “Balanced Calendar” reduces the long summer break and simply distributes those days throughout the rest of the school year. This makes for more frequent breaks and limits long periods of in-session days, as well as the long summer vacation. School would start a few weeks prior to Labor Day, may include a fall break or longer Thanksgiving vacation, still maintain a winter break, have a longer spring break and generally operate about 45 days in-session before a break. Thus “balancing out” the school calendar but still operating the same number of days. The traditional Monday through Friday schedule is maintained, although some districts are considering a later start time for high school students which some studies indicate is a more optimal time for learning for that age level.

Many districts in Michigan are moving to this type of school calendar and report that it can keep kids’ minds focused on learning. They have learned from research that kids can lose months’ worth of education when they are off over the summer. They believe twelve weeks off from being actively learning may not be the best for their educational progress. Many studies have indicated an increase in attendance and a decrease in discipline referrals with the new school calendar. Some districts have noted that many students are already back earlier for athletics or band practice.

The Michigan Department of Education has noted the adoption of a “Balanced Calendar” as a financial best practice that can earn districts additional per student revenue in state funding. This year the state also split a pot of money among districts converting to “Balanced Calendars” to help install air conditioning or make other one-time needed improvements.

Family input and schedules, local events, athletics, countywide Career Education and Special Educational services and busing are all areas being taken into account when considering a school calendar change.

Such a move would be at least two years off, resulting in the 2016-17 school year being the earliest school year for possible implementation. This allows time for parental input, intensive planning and required local board of education approval prior to any move forward with the new concept. An example of a “Balanced Calendar” for the 2016-17 school year is included above.

An example of a Balanced Calendar for the:
2016-2017 School Year

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School is in session denoted by the color blue with a total of 180 School Days. August 8 is the first School Day for the school year with June 13 the last School Day for the 2016-17 school year. School is not in session denoted by the color red.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Clinton County Local College Access Network

Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency (CCRESA) is partnering with other community leaders in Clinton County to develop a Local College Access Network aimed at increasing postsecondary enrollment and success in our county. Members of our team include leaders in local Businesses, Economic Development, City Offices, Superintendents, CCRESA Career Education, Universities and Colleges.

In September, our 20- plus person Leadership Team was awarded a Planning Grant through the Michigan College Access Network to assist us in developing this network. This grant will allow us to take a close look at what our specific needs are in Clinton County and determine priority

areas in respect to college readiness, participation and completion. Currently, we are in the process of looking at the resources available in our county and sifting through vast amounts of data specific to our county to gather as much information as possible. In addition, we are gaining valuable input from the diverse membership of the group to determine how best to focus our efforts. The overall goal of the Michigan College Access Network is to increase postsecondary educational attainment to 60% by 2025.

Once we establish the specific direction of our network, we will develop Implementation Teams to put those plans into action. We hope to move to the Implementation phase by the fall of 2015!

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Transition Partners Make it Work for Students with Special Needs

VISION is definitely a word that we use often in transition to assist students in the preparation for life after graduation. Over the past year we would like to highlight CCRESA's relationship with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) and Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) and how that relationship is turning student's visions into reality. CCRESA has a cash match grant with MRS in which students receive transition services, vocational counseling, job training and assistance with job placement and job follow up/retention services. MCTI partners with MRS to provide vocational and technical training programs and supportive services for Michigan citizens with disabilities to prepare them for competitive employment. In the past year, five students from Clinton County have become eligible to attend MCTI through the relationships developed in collaboration with local school districts, CCRESA and MRS. These students will work with a vocational counselor to guide them through their training program. Their tuition, room and board in the dormitory will be fully paid by MRS as long as they comply with the rules. As one student stated "I don't know why more students don't take advantage of this great opportunity, and the sooner you do get involved the better because there is a

waiting list." If students are not sure what training program they would like to go into there is also a career assessment service available to help students explore career options prior to signing up for classes. This student states, "It was very helpful to go through and to be able to experience the courses hands on." He enjoyed the experience so much that he plans to look into being a peer mentor this summer for the program. In closing, when asking the student what advice he would give to current high school students when trying to plan for their futures he states, "Don't let opportunities like this pass you by because not only do you learn new skills, but you make new friends and learn things about yourself as well." CCRESA looks forward to continuing its collaboration with MRS, MCTI and the local districts in Clinton County to continue to create visions and positive outcomes for our students.

CAREER EDUCATION

February is National Career Education Month

Recognition of a Year's Worth of Career Education Programming

A Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency (CCRESA) Career Education article would not be complete without a sincere thank you to our many partners that support our programs.....some of which are identified at the end of this document. Our area business community partners provide real-world expertise that cannot be replicated in a lecture or textbook. Our local school partners provide program suggestions, insight and expertise in support of quality programming for their students.

Thank You!! Your support is greatly appreciated!!

September

The following is a list of the 2014-15 Career Connections programs available to area juniors and seniors. Additional specific information may be found at the CCRESA website (www.ccrea.org, click on Career Education, scroll down the left side of the page and select CTE Programs: Career Connections Countywide). Links are also available from all local school district websites.

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources - Offers a Year 1 and 2



Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Students Visit Phillips Orchards in St. Johns

- Students interested in becoming a Farmer, Fisheries and Wildlife Manager, Plant Biologist, Landscaper, or working in Agribusiness
- Weekly field experiences and networking opportunities
- Leadership and community service activities
- Membership in Future Farmers of America

Baker College Credit Available:

- AG 101: Introduction to Agricultural Industry - 4 Credits
- AG 111: Agribusiness I - 4 Credits

Allied Health - Offers a Year 1 and 2

- Students interested in becoming a Doctor, Nurse, Pharmacist, Lab Technician, Physical Therapist, Sports Trainer, Eye Doctor, Dentist/Assistant, working in Kinesiology or the Medical Field
- Guest Speakers and visits to health settings
- Patient lab for skills practice
- Opportunity to join HOSA
- Exposure to careers which may not be exposed to otherwise



Allied Health Student Practices Blood Typing



Allied Health Students Practice Putting in an IV

Direct Lansing Community College (LLC) Credit Available:

- CHSE 100: Introduction To Health Professions - 3 Credits
- CHSE 12: Medical Terminology - 4 Credits
- PFHW 163: Healthy Lifestyles - 2 Credits

Auto Service - Offers a Year 1 and 2

- Students interested in becoming a Mechanic for Aircraft or Small Engines, a Technician for Autos, Motorcycles, Farm and Heavy Equipment, or working in the Automotive Field
- NATEF Accredited Training Program



Auto Service Students Hear from Chris Larsen (former student) About His Florida Business – Larsen Motorsports

- ASE Certification
- Career Preparation

Articulated LCC Credit Available:

- AUTO 100: Basic Auto Service and Ethics – 3 Credits

Business Management and Entrepreneurship – Offers a Year 1 and 2



Business Management and Entrepreneurship Students Listen to a Guest Speaker in the Panther Pause Café

- Students interested in becoming an Accountant, owning your own Business, working in Marketing, Banking, Sales, or Retail
- Leadership and community service activities
- Business speakers and related field trips
- Collaborate on a school-based business
- Work in class businesses; Panther Pause Café and Inspire Attire Screen Printing and Embroidery
- Membership in Business Professionals of America

Articulated LCC Credit Available:

- BUSN 118: Introduction to Business – 3 Credits
- BUSN 160: Starting a Business – 4 Credits

Construction Trades – Offers a Year 1 and 2

- Students interested in becoming an Architect, Cabinetmaker, Electrician, Carpenter, CNC Technician, Plumber, Residential Designer and Builder, Manufacturing Engineer, Drafter, or Machinist
- Real-world work experience with hands-on learning
- Increase your knowledge in house building and meet local contractors



Construction Trades Students Preparing the Basement for Cement on their Project House

- Field trips
- OSHA, Fall Protection and Powder-Actuated Certifications
- 60-Hour Pre-Licensure Education

Articulated LCC Credit Available:

- Year 1: BLDT 121: Residential Framing – 4 Credits
- Year 2: BLDT 125: Roofing/Siding – 4 Credits
- BLDT 126: Interior Carpentry – 4 Credits

Criminal Justice – Offers a Year 1 and 2

- Students interested in becoming a Bailiff, Corrections Officer, Court Clerk, Detective, Private Investigator, Police Officer, or Judge
- Academy like setting
- Guest speakers from the field and community service opportunities
- Work experiences, field trips and Criminal Justice competitions
- Criminal Justice is more than policing; learn about different careers in which you can serve your community



Criminal Justice Students Wearing Protective Gear as Part of an Informational Visit from the Emergency Response Team

Direct LCC Credit Available:

- Year 1: CJUS 101: Intro to Criminal Justice – 3 Credits
- CJUS 106: Intro to Juvenile Justice – 3 Credits
- CJUS 131: Intro to Corrections – 3 Credits
- Year 2: CJUS 102: Crime Causes and Conditions – 3 Credits
- CJUS 103: Criminal Law – 3 Credits
- CJUS 205: Policing into the 21st Century – 3 Credits

Digital Media Arts – Offers a Year 1 and 2

- Students interested in becoming an Animator, Producer, Broadcast Technician, Camera Operator, Field and TV Crew Member, Set Designer, or Multimedia Developer



Digital Media Arts Students in Their Studio

- Produce digital short films
- Create and host radio programming
- Report for online and television broadcast news
- Record and produce music
- Plan and record podcasts
- Studio visits
- Work on real-world productions
- Workshops and conferences
- Eligible for awards and contests



Digital Media Arts Student Filming

Articulated LCC Credit Available:

- DMAC 120: Digital Audio Production I – 4 Credits
- DMAC 130: Digital Video Production – 4 Credits
- DMAC 140: Pre-Production Design – 3 Credits

Education-Early Childhood



Education-Early Childhood Students Learning an Activity to Engage Little Ones

- Students interested in becoming a Child Daycare Worker, Early Childhood Educator/Assistant or Director, Elementary Teacher, or Social Worker
- Exposure to many careers in the Early Childhood field
- Hands-on internship in a classroom/early childhood center
- Learn about how to guide and interact with young children
- Exposure to health and safety standards in early childhood
- Field trips

Direct LCC Credit Available:

- CHDV 100: Foundation in Early Childhood Education – 3 Credits
- CHDV 113: Health/Safety: Early Childhood Programs – 2 Credits
- CHDV 186: Child Self-Esteem/Positive Discipline – 1 Credit

Education-Future Teachers – Offers a Year 1 and 2



Education-Future Teachers Students Teach a Lesson Plan to Fellow Classmates

- Students interested in becoming a Teacher, Principal, School Counselor, Professor, or Special Education Teacher
- Community service opportunities
- Hands-on teaching/learning activities
- Work in local classrooms

Direct LCC Credit Available:

- EDUC 220: Introduction to Education – 3 Credits
- EDUC 280: Teacher Education Practicum – 3 Credits
- CHDV 186: Child Self-Esteem/Positive Discipline – 1 Credit

Emergency Services/Fire Science – Offers a Year 1 and 2



Emergency Services/Fire Science Students Honor Firefighters Who Lost Their Lives During 911

- Students interested in becoming a Fire Fighter, Paramedic, Emergency Medical Assistant, Fire Investigator, or Fire Chief
- Educational trips
- Job interview, leadership and rescue/fire skills
- 31 Federal Certificates
- Guest Speakers
- 75% job placement
- Simulations/Scenarios
- VFIS Drivers training
- Building résumé/portfolio
- Patient treatment/care
- It's more than Fire Trucks & Ambulances
- Work with the tools of the trade
- Desire to Serve, Courage to Act, Ability to Perform...Failure is NOT an option

Direct LCC Credit Available:

- FIRE 100: Principles of Emergency Services – 4 Credits
- FIRE 285: Fire Science Emergency Services – 4 Credits

Sports Medicine

- Students interested in



Fire Pup and Emergency Services/Fire Science Students During Fire Prevention Month



Sports Medicine Students Putting their Content Knowledge Into Practice



Sports Medicine Students Putting their Content Knowledge Into Practice

becoming a Physical Therapist, Sports Trainer, or working in Kinesiology or the Medical Field

- Courses in: Kinesiology, Athletic Training and Healthy Lifestyles
- Opportunities for hands-on learning in the field of Sports Medicine
- This class is for people who like participating or watching sports, learning about the human body, being physically active, learning about their own health and wellness and learning about sports injuries

Direct LCC Credit Available:

- PFHW 163: Healthy Lifestyles – 2 Credits
- PFKN 170: Foundations of Kinesiology – 3 Credits
- PFKN 210: Athletic Training Principles – 3 Credits

Scholarships for Career and Technical Education Students

You can find scholarships available to CTE students by going to CCRESA's website, www.ccreesa.org, click on Career Education, scroll down the left side of the page and select Scholarships.

October

Walk Into Fall

This year CCRESA Career Connections hosted its first Walk into Fall Event. This event focused on collaboration, business planning, physical activity and an interpretive trail.

College Night

Representatives from over 40 colleges, universities, trade or technical schools and branches of the armed forces gathered at CCRESA on October 8, 2014 to share information about their institutions with area students and parents. Well over 200 students and parents attended the annual event. Not only did attendees have the opportunity to ask questions and gather information from each institution, but they also were able to attend one of the breakout sessions: "Financial Aid" or "College Planning 101". Finally, all had a chance to check out the many Career Connections courses available through CCRESA to high school juniors and seniors. CCRESA is always pleased to offer this opportunity to our community and the surrounding areas each year in the fall.

November

Life Unplugged (Formerly “Reality Store”)

Middle School students throughout the county have the opportunity to experience an event entitled “Life Unplugged” (www.life-unplugged.org). In this real-world experience, students choose a career and have a set of circumstances to begin the activity—a monthly paycheck, a set of monthly expenses and even life’s twists and turns that we just can’t anticipate. They must visit each “booth”, where they pay their rent/mortgage, utilities, grocery bill, etc. The participants must keep a balanced checkbook after paying each expense. Clinton County’s middle school counselors, staff and community volunteers do a wonderful job offering this event to middle school students!

December

Pave Your Own Path

CCRESA’s Career Connections program presented the Inaugural Pave Your Own Path Career Preparation workshop on Wednesday, December 17, 2014. The event was kicked off by keynote speaker Gregory D. Martin, Chief Executive Officer of Turning Point Youth Center in St. Johns. His inspirational message of ‘don’t look back, look forward’ is based on his real-life experience from the streets of Los Angeles, to 23 years in the Army serving in combat areas around the world, to his current leadership role working with young men at Turning Point.

Students cycled through five 45-minute sessions throughout the day: Résumé Writing and Cover Letters, Interviewing Skills, Professionalism and Job Searches.

Students were able to integrate the skills they learned during the morning sessions, by participating in a mock job fair with 23 business representatives. The fair was an authentic experience that gave students a feel and flavor for what the hiring process is really like. Some students even landed jobs!

January

Interview Days

Each January/February Interview Days are held at the high schools in Clinton County. There are approximately 770 high school seniors who prepared for the day with résumé writing, completing an application, learning interviewing techniques and dress code. These seniors then had an opportunity to practice their skills in a mock job interview. There are over 65 business people who volunteer their time to assist with the program.

Recruiting

Career Connections instructors are busy visiting each high school in Clinton County to recruit for students for the following year.

Young Entrepreneurs Competition

Got An Idea You Want to Sell? An Idea You’re Itching to Tell. High school students from Clinton County have the

opportunity to do just that and win scholarship money. They submit a business plan for judging and then pitch their idea to business leaders.

Students of the Semester

Twice a year, students are chosen by instructors as Students of the Semester.

February

Student Visit Day

Students interested in signing up for a Career Connections class can visit their program of interest on Student Visit Day held each February.

Strive 4 A Safer Drive

A grant provided by AAA and the Michigan State Police was earned by CCRESA Career Connections classes to bring awareness to distracted driving!

A campaign consisting of three separate events called, “Stop the text, stop the wrecks” is being created as community awareness. The goal of the program is to educate fellow students, local community members and educators on how dangerous driving is when distracted and how it can become fatal if not giving 100% attention when behind the wheel. Various activities are being planned to communicate this crucial message.



Education-Future Teachers and Criminal Justice Students “Stop the Text, Stop the Wrecks” Event

March

Parent Night

Parents of students interested in signing up for a Career Connections class are invited to Parent Night each March. They get a chance to meet instructors, learn more about Career Connections and the program their child is interested in.

Business Professionals of America

Business Professionals of America focuses on the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic and technological skills. Student members compete at a Regional Leadership Conference in January, if they qualify, State Leadership Conference in March and if they qualify, National Leadership Conference in May. Student members also earn recognition through service and social events.

April

Exit Exams

The State of Michigan Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) requires exit exams for Career and Technical Education (CTE) students. The Career Education Department at CRESA oversees and provides support for these technical skills assessments both for countywide programs and for local district CTE programs. Currently, exit exams are in place for the following programs in Clinton County; the required test is also identified.

PROGRAM	DISTRICTS	TEST ADMINISTERED
Business, Management and Administration	DeWitt, Ovid-Elsie, St. Johns, Countywide CTE	General Management Test
Finance	DeWitt, Fowler, St. Johns	Accounting—Advanced Test
Law and Public Safety	Countywide CTE	Criminal Justice Test
Marketing	Ovid-Elsie	MBA Research: Accelerated Marketing Test
Automobile Technician	Countywide CTE	ASE Student Certification Test for Maintenance and Light Repair
Education	Countywide CTE	Michigan Test for Teacher Certification: Professional Readiness Exam
Health Science	Countywide CTE	National Health Science Assessment

May

8th Grade Visit Day

Eighth grade students in Clinton County are offered the opportunity to visit CRESA's Career Education Countywide Programs. This spring, students from St. Johns, Ovid-Elsie, and Fowler will be coming to preview programs that will be available to them when they reach their junior year of high school. Career Connections instructors will be onsite to give a brief overview of their programs, discuss college and career options in their content area, and provide hands-on demonstrations. Whether students choose to take Career Connections courses during their high school years or not, this event will provide a nice exposure to students entering high school as they begin to think about how to prepare for the postsecondary (after high school) world.

End-of-Year Career Connections Celebrations

Each May, all Career Connections programs provide an End-of-Year Celebration to recognize the hard work and accomplishments of the students enrolled in our programs.

Family and friends are invited to the celebrations and are also recognized for their support of our students' efforts. The following is a sample of the many student organizations, certifications and activities that are available to Career Connections students.

Student Organizations*

- 4-H
- American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Student Membership
- Business Professionals of America (BPA)
- District 1 Regional Medical Response Coalition (D1RMRC)
- Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)
- Journalism Education Association
- Michigan Volunteer Registry (Disaster Response)
- Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation
- Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB)
- Michigan Interscholastic Press Association
- Michigan Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA)
- Michigan State Police MI-TRAIN
- National Fallen Firefighter Foundation
- National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)
- Safari Club International (SCI)
- SkillsUSA
- The National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization

Student Certifications*

- 3M Fall Protection
- 60 Pre-Licensure Endorsement
- ASE Certification
- Basic Skills - MTTC Pre-test
- Blood Borne Pathogens
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification
- FEMA Emergency Management Institute Certificates
- Fire Hero Learning Network Certificates
- Fire-Wise Certificates
- KeyTrain
- Michigan Hunter Safety Certification
- NATEF Accredited Training Program
- New Mexico Tech Distance Education Certificates
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) - multiple certifications available

- Parents for Student Safety Employment Standards – PASSES Edge
- Ramset Powder-Actuated Nailing
- SAFERESPONSE Training for Responders Certificates

Activities and Community Service*

- Adaptive PE (Physical Education) Project Unify Grant Activities
- Ambulance Awareness Day
- Capitol Area Community Services-Food Drive
- Christmas Caroling at Clinton Commons/Hazel Finley Country Manor
- Clinton County CASA
- Clinton County Fill-a-Cop-Car
- Clinton County Health Fair
- Clinton County Parks – Invasive Species Removal Project
- Clinton County Shop with a Cop
- Clinton County Student Garden
- Clinton County Teen Court
- *Early On*® Programming
- Emergency Services/Fire Science Education during October
- File of Life
- Fire Prevention Education Programs within the community
- Gleaning Vegetable crops for local food banks
- Great Start Parent Coalition and also their Readiness Program
- Job Shadowing, internships, practicums
- Key Mentoring with MSU Extension
- LCC Healthy and Fit Expo
- Mentoring and Tutoring
- Personal Items Collection drive for Lansing Area Aids Network
- Pop Tab drive to benefit Ronald McDonald House
- Regular Service Learning projects with local businesses and organizations
- Relay for Life
- St. Johns Car Show
- Strive 4 a Safer Drive - Stop the Text, Stop the Wrecks Grant Activities
- Video Projects

Community Partners*

- All Clinton County School Systems

- Building Stronger Communities Council
- Capitol Police
- Chelsey Lumber
- Cities of St. Johns, Elsie and Bath
- Clinton Area Ambulance Service
- Clinton County 4-H
- Clinton County Sherriff's Department and Jail
- Clinton County Courthouse (Various Departments)
- DeWitt Township Police Department
- District 1 Regional Medical Response Coalition (D1RMRC)
- Educational Child Care Center (EC3)
- Gentner Family Dentistry
- Grace Haven
- Greenspace Commission
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hazel Findley Country Manor
- Impact 89FM East Lansing
- Jeff Murphy from Michigan Education Association
- Lansing Community College (Various Departments)
- Little Wings Child Care Center
- Local Contractors
- Meadowland Preschool
- MSU Extension
- Ovid/Middleberry Fire Department
- Rainbow Place Preschools
- Service Learning Partnership with Argo-Culture Liquid Fertilizers
- Sparrow Clinton Hospital and Rehabilitation
- Spartan Child Development Center
- Specs Howard School of Media Arts
- St. Johns Police Department
- St. Johns Professional Associates
- Wieber Lumber
- WILX-TV

**We recognize that the above lists are not exhaustive and are always changing.*

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Be watching for celebration details in the fall.



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BOOKS FOR THE WINTER

Careering Teens: Guiding Teenagers' Career Development by Annie Southern, published by Annie Southern, sold by Smashwords, November, 2014. A parent's guide for helping older children make career decisions and develop a career identity.

Preparing for Today's Global Job Market by Christopher Robinson-Easley, published by Palgrave Macmillan, September, 2013. The book delineates a methodology for positioning oneself in today's global job market.

Best Practices and Strategies for Career and Technical Education and Training: A Reference Guide for New Instructors by Kinga N Jacobson, published by AuthorHouse, January, 2013. This book is a reference guide for novice Career Education instructors.

What Color is Your Parachute? For Teens, Third Edition, by Carol Christen and Richard N. Bolles, published by Clarkson Potter/Ten Speed/Harmony, April 7, 2015 (Coming Soon). This book helps students zero in on their favorite skills and helps them find their perfect major or career path.

Teens' Guide to College and Career Planning by Peterson's, published by Peterson's, April, 2012. The book provides advice and tools to help middle and high school students succeed and offers options regarding college, the military, the workforce and more.