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Adams County Career Fair Connects 1,100 High School Students to Local Experts

Gettysburg, Pa. – More than 1,100 Adams County tenth grade students today learned how to reach their career goals during the 15th annual Adams County Career Fair at Gettysburg College.

Hosted by the Adams County Economic Education Foundation with support from the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce and Gettysburg College, the day-long event served students from all six Adams County public school districts, two private schools and Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12.

“Our schools are doing a great job of teaching the fundamentals of education, and the career fair is one of the many ways our business community is adding to that foundation,” said Carrie Stuart, the foundation’s executive director. “The career fair helps students chart their path from high school to career with sound advice from seasoned professionals. Giving students these experiences beyond the walls of the classroom helps create an environment where our students, businesses and communities thrive.”

Students selected three careers of their choosing, from about 60 offerings, to learn about during workshops led by local business leaders. Career speakers explained the classes students might need in high school, what degrees are needed and the avenues to follow for further training or schooling. The speakers also helped the students understand what it is like to perform a job on a daily basis. For many students, this was their only chance to speak to someone who works in their field of interest.

“We thank the many volunteers from our community who take the time to participate in the career fair. Some of them have been involved for years and have influenced hundreds of youth on their career choices,” added Stuart.

The top careers chosen by students this year were law enforcement, medical, military, food prep/culinary arts, teaching and early childhood education, and automotive technician/mechanic. New careers represented included interpreter/translator and human resources.

The non-profit Adams County Economic Education Foundation bridges the gap between the business and education communities to prepare students for higher education and the workforce. More than 30,000 students in Adams County have benefited since 1991.

The chamber supports the Adams County business community by promoting diverse economic opportunities through advocacy, networking and information. More than 530 local businesses and organizations are members. For more information, visit www.gettysburg-chamber.org.

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Editor's Note: Careers represented at the fair included accountant, advertising/marketing, agriculture/technology in agriculture, allied health, archaeology, architecture/CADD, art careers/art therapy, automotive technician/mechanic, aviation industry, biologist/chemist/forensic biology, child care/early childhood education, chiropractor, construction/carpentry, cosmetologist, counselor/guidance counselor, dentistry related fields, electrician, electronics, engineering, entrepreneur/business owner, financial management/banking, fire fighter, food prep/chef/culinary arts, forestry/wildlife management, graphic design/commercial arts, horticulture/landscaping, hospitality/event planning, human resources, HVAC, information technology/computer programming, intelligence community, interpreter/translator, journalism/newspaper, law enforcement, attorney/paralegal/legal technician, manufacturing/robotics, medical imaging, military, minister/religious careers, musician, nursing, photographer, physician/physician's assistant/nurse practitioner, probation officer/corrections officer, psychologist, public service, radio broadcasting, rehab medicine, social worker/social services, teacher, television broadcasting, theater/performing arts, transportation, veterinarian/vet assistant, web design and welder.

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