



## Business Partners in Education

### *Ways to Get Involved in Preparing Students for Their Future*

**We Need You**

### **Internship Program**

Students gain work experience by working in a local business for 36 hours over 6-7 weeks as a non-paid intern. Students gain practical experience connected to their career interest, while providing no dollar cost or liability to the business. (Placements are between November-April)

### **Connections to the Future**

Business and community representatives have breakfast or lunch with students, practice networking skills, discuss a focus topic, and visit a school to learn about current educational programs. (One day in November)

### **Job Shadowing**

Students job shadow either at the business site or virtually. At the work site, students spend a day looking for connections between school and work to see the importance of developing workplace skills. Students can also job shadow virtually through email correspondence with professionals to ask questions and learn the specifics about different careers. Teachers job shadow for a day with a business person looking for ideas on how to make connections between academic instruction and necessary work skills. (Teachers—all year, Virtual—all year, Students—February/March )

### **Student Performance Feedback**

Business representatives participate in student presentations by asking students questions, reviewing student projects and evaluating presentations. (Selected days between March-May)

### **Student Exit Interviews**

Business representatives participate on a panel to interview students. Students share their portfolios that represent their work through the Certificate Program. (Selected days in May)

### **Community Employment Day**

Business representatives conduct one-on-one job interviews with people looking for employment. Businesses can interview many candidates in a short time and hire qualified candidates. Employers give feedback to candidates on how they can improve their interview skills. (One day in May)

### **Business In the Classroom**

Business representatives visit classes to 1) give an overview of their industry and future demands 2) share personal experiences that lead them to their current career; and or 3) teach a specific topic or lesson. (All year)

***You Can Make a Difference!***

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