

Conference Guide



Thursday, March 9, 2006 at Grand Rapids Community College

CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:25 - 8:55	BUSES ARRIVE AT THE GRCC STUDENT COMMUNITY CENTER, SCHOOL CHECK-IN, REFRESHMENTS IN CAFETERIA
8:55 - 9:00	WELCOME!
9:00 - 9:15	KEYNOTE: "ONETIME—A LIFE FULL OF DECISIONS" ~BERNARD MACKLIN
9:15 - 9:20	INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DAY
9:20 - 9:30	MOVE TO APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CENTER (ATC)
9:30 - 10:10	SESSION I - CAREER CONNECTIONS
10:15 - 10:55	SESSION II - CAREER CONNECTIONS
11:00 - 11:40	SESSION III – COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (PLANNING YOUR TRANSITION)
11:45 – 12:30	LUNCH (IN STUDENT CENTER CAFETERIA), DJ: EOB FROM WSNX AND PRIZES!!!
12:30 - 1:00	DEPART

CAREER CONNECTIONS: SESSIONS 1 & 2

Session 1: 9:30-10:10

Session 2: 10:15-10:55

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. READ OVER CAREER CONNECTIONS PRESENTATION CHOICES.
2. PICK FOUR PRESENTATIONS THAT WILL HELP YOU IN PLANNING YOUR CAREER.
3. NUMBER THEM 1 THROUGH 4 IN THE LAST COLUMN, ACCORDING TO WHAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN.
4. ENTER YOUR CHOICES ON YOUR SCHOOL'S REGISTRATION FORM.

Arts and Communications

Pursuing Your Dreams in Art	Exploring careers using your artistic abilities.	<u>Kendall College of Art and Design</u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 238	
A Lifetime of Learning in the World of Graphic Arts	Skills needed for a career in Graphic Arts	<u>Foremost Graphics</u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 234	
All Kinds of Jobs in the Newspaper/Printing Industry	Opportunities in this industry (even if you don't like to write)	<u>Jenison Printing</u>	Sess. 1 Rm. 243	
Careers in Film and Television	Explore skills and training needed for media careers	<u>GRTV: Community Media Center</u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 160	

Business, Marketing, & Technology

Being an Entrepreneur	What does it take to start and run your own business?	<u>GVSU: Small Business & Technology Development Center</u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 118	
A Career in Retail	Get the inside scoop on a career at Sears	<u>Sears</u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 143	
Radio Advertising Sales	How we sell air time	<u>WOOD Radio</u>	Sess. 2 Rm. 243	
Careers in Computers	Explore careers in the computer age	<u>ITT Technical Institute</u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 122	

Engineering & Manufacturing

Automotive Technology	Learn all about what mechanics do and the training needed	<u>Pfeiffer, Lincoln, Mercury</u>	Sess. 1, 2 Auditorium	
Construction Careers	Learn more about construction trades and apprenticeships	<u>GRCC—MTEC, Kent Transition Center</u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 130	
Preparing for the Workforce	Manufacturing jobs through temp services	<u>Axios Inc.</u>	Sess. 2 Rm. 313	
Aviation Technology	Find out about what it takes to fix and maintain airplanes.	<u>Kent Career/Technical Center</u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 145	

Health Services

Hospital Careers	Find out about important supportive jobs in hospitals and medical centers.	<u><i>Kent Intermediate School District</i></u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 120	
Home Health Care Careers	Learn about working in homes and providing health-related services	<u><i>Hope Network</i></u>	Sess. 2 Rm. 304	
Pharmacy Jobs	Learn about being a pharmacy tech	<u><i>Walgreens</i></u>	Sess. 2 Rm. 312	
Caring for the Elderly	Learn about Certified Nursing Assistants and other jobs at a nursing home.	<u><i>Porter Hills / KTC / Goodwill Industries</i></u>	Sess. 1 Rm. 304	

Human Services

Cleaning Up	Learn about jobs in building maintenance.	<u><i>Goodwill Industries, Inc.</i></u>	Sess. 2 Rm. 305	
Wonderful World of Hospitality	Learn about all of the jobs in the restaurant business	<u><i>Goodwill Industries, Inc.</i></u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 240	
Careers in Hair Care	Check out cosmetology and related careers	<u><i>Chic University</i></u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 139	
A Career as a Nail Technician	Learn more about education, client care, and the creative world as a nail tech	<u><i>DDN (Debbie Does Nails)</i></u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 141	
Child Care – Not Just a Baby-sitter	Learn about the opportunities and requirements for working with children	<u><i>Kent Regional 4C</i></u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 140	

Natural Resources

Careers at the Humane Society	Learn more about animal rescue workers, veterinary services, and kennel care	<u><i>Humane Society</i></u>	Sess. 1, 2 Rm. 147	
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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: SESSION 3

Session 3: 11:00-11:40

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1.** READ OVER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PRESENTATION CHOICES OFFERED DURING SESSION 3.
- 2.** PICK TWO PRESENTATIONS THAT WILL HELP YOU IN PLANNING YOUR TRANSITION.
- 3.** NUMBER THEM 1 AND 2, ACCORDING TO WHAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN.
- 4.** ENTER YOUR CHOICES ON YOUR SCHOOL'S REGISTRATION FORM.

Employment

High School Vocational Options	Learn about job training you can achieve while still in high school.	<u><i>Kent Career/Technical Center and Kent Transition Center</i></u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 160	
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School to Adult Living	Support services to empower your independence in adulthood	<u>Michigan Rehabilitation Services & Disability Advocates of Kent County</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 304	
Michigan Works! Employment Service Centers	Surf your way into employment.	<u>Michigan Works!</u>	Sess. 3 Computer Lab (214)	

Community Participation

Teambuilding & Outdoor Adventure	Social skills and a sport all wrapped into one	<u>Higher Ground Rock Climbing Adventure</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 120	
Fun Activities in YOUR Community	Recreation and Leisure Activities in W. Michigan	<u>GR Parks & Recreation Department</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 145	
Seeing the Millionaire Dream in You	What is YOUR life vision???	<u>Urban Young Life</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 141	
Getting Things Done: Making a difference in your community	Learn about National Service opportunities in Michigan	<u>Americorps & Campfire USA</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 312	
Take Care of Your World	Responsibly working for the protection of your environment	<u>Blanford Nature Center</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 238	

Adult Living

Becoming Self-Advocates	Learning your rights and speaking up for yourself	<u>The Arc Kent County</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 147	
Ready, Set, Go! Ready To Get Out Of School?	Planning ahead to reach your goals.	<u>Kent Intermediate School District</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 130	
Buying a Home	Learn about what it takes to own a home	<u>A. M. Mortgage</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 118	
Myths About Drug Screening	Learn the procedures and facts about drug testing.	<u>Spectrum Health</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 143	
Nothing About Me, Without Me	Youth leadership at home, in school, and in your community.	<u>MI Commission on Disability Concerns</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 243	
MiConnections—taking charge of your future	Explore the possibilities and set goals for your future	<u>MiConnections of Kent County</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 240	
Driver Training	What does it take to get your driver's license	<u>Kelloggsville Schools</u>	Sess. 3 Auditorium	
I'm Always Broke—Where's My Money Going?	How to manage your money and stay out of debt	<u>Goodwill Industries</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 140	

Post Secondary Education & Training

A World of Computers	What you need to know and be able to do for careers with computers.	<u>ITT Technical Institute</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 122	
A College Option for Everyone	Learn about post high school technical training and <u>apprenticeships</u> in Kent County	<u>M-TEC & Grand Rapids Community College</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 139	
Occupational Training	Learn about a technical training center in Michigan.	<u>Michigan Career & Technical Institute (MCTI)</u>	Sess. 3 Rm. 305	