Connecting Learning in the Community

Continuum of Career Development
Serving Grades K-12

**CAREER AWARENESS (GRADES K-5)**

Bringing guest speakers from area businesses into elementary classrooms gives students a chance to learn about economics, financial literacy and entrepreneurship at an early age. The K-5 programs that Careers CLiC facilitates provide a foundation of career awareness students can build upon later.

“I enjoyed the opportunity to share my expertise with students and find it rewarding to know that I am able to ready students for important financial and career decisions that will come their way.”

--- Junior Achievement Business Volunteer

“ My students have taken part in JA for years and I hope to continue this relationship into the future. We are often pressed for time and this out of school support helps expose our kids to more of the "real" world waiting for them after graduation. It was valuable and I believe more than well worth the small investment of time.”

--- 5th Grade Teacher

**CAREER EXPLORATION (GRADES 6-8)**

Middle school is the ideal time to help students begin self-exploration of interests and consider what career options exist. Careers CLiC offers opportunities for middle school students to see how local workplaces function and school subjects are used on the job every day.

“This experience really opened my eyes to what it is like to go to work every day.”

--- 8th Grade Student on Job Shadow Day

“Enjoyable experience for me to pass along my passion for my job to the next generation.”

--- Job Shadow Day Workplace Host

**CAREER PREPARATION (GRADES 9-12)**

High School students are ready to choose coursework that expands their career horizons, acquire pre-employment skills and practice what they’ve learned in school in structured work experience – either through part-time paid jobs or unpaid internships. Careers CLiC designs quality internship programs aligned with state standards.

“My internship was amazing and I didn't want to leave at the end of the week. The internship made it clearer to me that I want to work with animals as a career.”

--- TIPS Student Intern

“Young adults are this country’s future, we need to work with them and encourage them in their goals and aspirations.”

--- Workplace Host