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A Monthly Newsletter for SC Career Specialists

2012-13 IGP SURVEY RESULTS

The EEDA team conducts a survey of counselors, parents, and students at the end of each school year regarding their perceptions of the IGP process. The results of the 2012-13 survey are as follows:

Counselors were asked, "Do you feel the IGP conference helps students to understand better the relationship between their academic progress (grades, course work, etc.) and their career goals?" The response of 88.5% of counselors was, "Yes."

More than 9000 students indicated that the IGP conference was either very helpful (45%) or helpful (36.5%) in understanding the relationship between career goals and academic progress.

Parents were asked if they would recommend that others attend an IGP conference with their child. "Yes," was the response for nearly 94% of parents.

Contact Sherry Williams for more results from the surveys.

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Inspire Your Students to Take the Next Step Towards Career Readiness with the Open Doors: Unlock Your Future Challenge and you could win \$10,000!

Take the Challenge!

Just launched for the 2013-2014 school year, the *Open Doors: Unlock Your Future Challenge*, a partnership between the Western Union Foundation, Discovery Education and The Association of Educational Publishers, challenges students across the nation in grades 9-12 to identify their unique strengths and interests and consider how they might lead to future career opportunities perfect for them!

Students, parents and teachers are encouraged to nominate a high school student by entering them in the *Open Doors: Unlock Your Future Challenge* once per day through **Thursday, March 27, 2014**. The student with the most nominations will receive **\$5,000 for their future career plans and \$5,000 for their high school!**

[learn more >](#)

Spread the Word!

Teachers are encouraged to spread the word about this exciting new program and the chance to win \$5,000 for your school! Our [teacher tool kit](#) is a valuable resource designed to help you raise awareness about the *Open Doors: Unlock Your Future Challenge* and the wonderful opportunity it offers your students. In the tool kit you'll find customizable email copy you can use to send emails to fellow teachers, district administrators and parents, as well as a printable flyer to be displayed in your classroom. We've done all of the work for you! Spreading the word about this opportunity to win \$5,000 for your school has never been easier!

For more details about the Open Doors: Unlock your Future Challenge visit

http://www.opendoorschallenge.com/?utm_source=DiscoveryEducation&utm_medium=IMMEblast_ODUYF&utm_term=Homepage&utm_content=Homepage&utm_campaign=WUF

Find the teacher toolkit at

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DON'T PICK A JOB WITH GREAT VACATION TIME. PICK ONE THAT DOESN'T NEED ESCAPING FROM.

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FAQs:

Q: When I try to enter work-based learning activities in a student's Power-School tab, I notice that all the boxes are full. How do I delete the entries to enter new WBL experiences?

A: Contact your IT staff to do the following: On the State tab under System Reports, there is a job "Work-Based Learning Initialization." This job only clears data for active students at the time that this job is run.

Q: Is the "Cross District Transfer" of the IGP working?

A: Pearson has been contacted to repair the issue.

Q: Why are the "postsecondary plans" in step 1 of the IGP not saving?

A: Pearson has been contacted to repair the issue. In the meantime, this process has worked for a couple of districts:

- go through all steps
- go back to step1 and set the postsecondary plan code
- click on the tab for step 4
- save

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AROUND S.C.

Discovering Boeing South Carolina and the South Carolina Ports Authority

On October 24, 2013, Midland educators, business representatives and community partners traveled to Charleston, SC, for a firsthand look at Boeing South Carolina and the South Carolina Ports Authority. The trip was part of a unique and informative educator field study hosted by Midlands Education and Business Alliance (MEBA) and Midlands Regional Education Center (REC). Eleven district teams comprised of superintendents, principals, CATE coordinators and lead math and science educators, as well as faculty from Midlands Technical College, MEBA board members and community partners participated in the field study. Click here to read the full story: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/vcw0500eui7rrbk/Boeing.pdf?n=198633935>

C.E. Murray High School in Williamsburg County Sponsors Career Day

On Wednesday, November 13, 2013, C. E. Murray celebrated Career Day with several guest speakers. Kathleen Felder, GCDF coordinated the event. Click here to read the full story and see pictures of the event: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/agygfxkpw0dd0xz/CEMurray.pdf?n=198633935>

Colleton County Middle School Students Enjoy 7th Annual Career Fair

Wilmont Hayes and Tina Warren, GCDFs, coordinated the Colleton School District's 7th Annual Career Fair. More than 1500 students attended the event and students showed special interest in the construction of the new Boeing Dreamliner and footprint casts used to collect evidence. Click here to read the full story: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/7vr72h31vbbwq3f/ColletonMS.pdf?n=198633935>

Dent Middle School Students Enjoy Learning About "The Real World of Work" During Career Development Month

Joyce Simons, GCDF at Dent Middle School in Richland School District 2, sponsored "The Real World of Work" week during which students learned from guest speakers about job opportunities for the future. Richland County Sheriff, Leon Lott, was a guest. Click here to read the full story: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/cnrp8841zmi9i2/DentMS.pdf?n=198633935>