

RECENT CAREER INTERNSHIP FAIR CONNECTS DISTRICT 211 STUDENTS TO LOCAL COMPANIES

Township High School District 211 recently hosted an internship fair for students to meet with representatives from local companies searching for high school interns.



The Career Trek Internship Fair took place at Schaumburg High School on April 12. Approximately 37 companies interested in hiring high school interns attended and many hoped to hire students that day. Students were encouraged to bring resumes and dress professionally to impress company representatives.

“This event was an awesome learning opportunity for our students, both personally and professionally,” said Jan Brottman, career advisor at Fremd High School. “Some of the students walked away with positions for the summer, and the experience of talking to potential hiring professionals was beneficial as they move forward in figuring out their future paths.”



The majority of companies were in the manufacturing field. However, companies in health care, technology, social work, computer programming, asset protection, clothing production, information technology, and more were also in attendance.

Rosa Botello, a representative from Motorola, said she was impressed with not only students’ academic performances, but also how professionally each student presented themselves. She said some students started out shy but quickly lit up as they started to discuss their career aspirations.

“The students were great, extremely prepared to talk to me and their resumes were awesome,” Botello said. “I walked away with 40 resumes from awesome, diverse students.”

Brottman said the internship fair was a great opportunity for students to practice interview skills. She said students that attend events like the internship fair are a step ahead of their peers because of the experience they gain.

Many students in attendance said they were grateful for the opportunity even if they were not interested in a manufacturing internship. Sean Kim, a junior at Fremd High School, said he was able to talk to a couple of large companies that specialize in computer science and hopes to see the program expand.



“When I was looking for internships online within computer science, most of the internships I found were for college students,” Sean said. “This fair really helped me find potential places to intern. I even talked to people from manufacturing companies that offered me a lot of advice about college and the field. It was really cool.”

Emme Gerstenkorn, a senior exchange student at Fremd High School, said while she cannot apply to internships because she is moving back to Germany at the end of the year, the experience was beneficial to students. It provided her with the opportunity to network and possibly get an internship overseas.

“I met with Motorola and they told me about an internship that I cannot take part in because I am moving back to Germany,” Emma said. “She told me they could expand it to Germany so I could apply for the internship when I go back there.”



Brottman said as the event grows in the future, the District plans to expand the number of career pathways represented at the fair. For more information or questions, please contact Jan Brottman at jbrottman@d211.org.