

# SE Career Resource Coordinator Update

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*As your new SE Career Resource Coordinator, I have enjoyed meeting many new faces and learning a great deal about what is happening with career education in ND. It has been especially rewarding to work with many fine educators and being a part of several career events throughout the state. The Career Resource Network staff and all the people at NDSCS have been super to work with and very supportive as I get adjusted to this new position. Your help has been greatly appreciated. This e-newsletter is to keep you up to date with what has and will be happening in the SE Region with the Career Resource Network.*

*Jody Breker*

Students were busy working on their career plan at the Great Hall Capital Building, Donna Fricke, SW CRC, and myself did a presentation and answered questions.



## GUIDANCE CENTRAL TRAINING

Provided the SE Region professionals with beginning and advanced training in Guidance Central, an online education and career information delivery system designed to help individuals achieve academic and career success. This career tool is sponsored by the Bank of North Dakota and delivered to all 7-12 schools in ND. Check it out for yourself at: [www.nd.bridges.com](http://www.nd.bridges.com)

- Wahpeton: 4 three-hour trainings, including Choices Explorer, Choices Planner and developing grades 7-12 customized plans of study.
- Valley City: 2 three-hour trainings, including Choices Planner and developing grades 7-12 customized plans of study.
- Jamestown: 1 six-hour training session using Choices Planner, the Adult Version.

## TESTGEAR TRAINING

TestGEAR is an online test preparation tool used to improve test scores on the ACT test, a college entrance exam. This tool provides 52 hours of practice for the students that they can access from school or at home. I provided TestGEAR training in Wahpeton, Valley City, and West Fargo. Teachers and counselors were able to work with this tool directly and create a plan to assist their students with their post-secondary goals.

*Discover Energy and Technology in SE ND*

## ***Industry Tour for Educators***

May 27 and 28

Registration Deadline May 1, 2009

Starting and Ending at the Skills & Technology Training Center in Fargo, ND

**Energize Your Classrooms with Real Experiences  
In Nanotechnology, Bio Fuels, Oil Industry, Wind Energy, Ethanol,  
And Computer Technology  
Two Action Packed Days of Interactive Educational Experiences**

*Hands-on Learning with Nanotechnology & Bio Fuels*

*Technology Careers with Microsoft Tour*

*Explore Wind Energy and Ethanol with Industry Tours*

*1- EDUC. 700 Credit, (VCSC) available for \$50,*

*(Includes lab materials, meals, night of lodging, bus transportation, and  
a \$50.00 stipend)*



Take advantage of this professional development opportunity provided by a CTE grant and SEEC. Registration information was already sent to schools.

### **CAREER FAIR Events**

- Presented and assisted at the NDSCS Health Career Fair by providing and explaining high school plans of study of the Health Careers Cluster and explained online opportunities available to 200 SE Region high school students.
- Participated by having a booth at the Health, Technology, and Trades Career Fair in Jamestown, Nov. 19, 2008. I enjoyed working with the students developing their plans of study and exploring their chosen career cluster.
- I was on the Career Expo Steering Committee that assisted with planning, implementation, and evaluation of the Career Expo in Fargo at the Fargo Dome, Dec. 11, 2008.
- Participated as a Room Facilitator at the Marketplace for Entrepreneurs 2009 career event in Bismarck.

Ninth Graders (120) from Fargo South explore Nanotechnology, Bio-fuels, and Electronics Technology with Kristi Jean, Rick Barrett, and Rick Hendrickson at the Skills and Technology Training Center.



STEM Plans of Study were handed out and discussed; Also online opportunities in each area were explained by Jody Breker.



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