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EVENTS OF INTEREST:

FOR COUNSELORS:

**NDCA Midwinter Counseling
Conference**, Bismarck,
Preconference-Workshop
– Inspire, Equip, and Re-
lease Students to Dream
and Achieve. Feb 6, 2010
Regular Conference is Feb
7, 8, and 9, See You there!

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

NDCAN Conference,
Bismarck, Feb 9 and 10
**Imagine It, Design It, Build
It Day**, NDSCS,
Feb 17, 2010, Call 1-800-
342-4325, ext.3-2202,
to register your students.

College Goal Sunday,
Feb 21, 2010

Marketplace for Kids,
Jamestown, Jamestown
College, Friday, May 7,
2010
Moorhead, MN, Concordia
College-Wed, May 5th,
2010

Marketplace of Ideas.
September 27-28 at the
FargoDome, Go to
www.MarketplaceOfIdeas.org
for more information.

Crash Course for Parents and Students



MORE THAN 140 GATHER AT OAKES HIGH SCHOOL TO EXPLORE CAREER RESOURCES

On January 21, 2010, over 140 parents and students attended a **Crash Course** on college and career access information. Topics discussed were financial aid, getting ready for college, jobs availability in ND, scholarships, and what matters most to students in ND.

This program was a pilot project serving school districts in Dickey, LaMoure, Ransom, and Sargent Counties giving parents practical tools to help their child access career and college planning. Cindy

Sanford, event organizer along with 16 presenters worked with several businesses and local resources to make this event a success.

As a presenter at this event, it was pleasure to assist so many students and parents using RUReadyND, an online career and college planning tool that students, parents, and educators use in school or at home.

First Community Credit Union and Starion Bank furnished the meal and First State Bank of ND donated a

laptop Computer. The winner of the laptop computer was **Andrew Mills of Oakes**.

Organizations involved included: Student Loans of North Dakota and BND Student Loan Services; Center for Technology & Business; the ND Rural Development Council; ND College Access Challenge Grant; ND Department of Career and Technical Education; the Department of Commerce and the ND Youth Council – Youth Forward.

Career Expo ~ a Hands-On Success

On Dec. 10, 2009, over 75 different careers with interactive displays were represented at the 7th annual Health, Tech, and Trades Career Expo at the FargoDome. This interactive event served a record 2,558 9th grade students, with some upperclassmen and parents also attending, from 24 area schools. Prior to this event, the students were encouraged to participate in a Cluster Finder activity to determine which career cluster were in their top interest areas and explore those at the Expo. Booths and exhibits were color coded and identified by



one or more of the sixteen career clusters they represented so that students could easily recognize their high interest areas. This was just another way to easily make the career connection between what the students are learning in school with the world of work. The Expo focuses on careers that require a 2 year and/or Technical degree in Health, Technology, and Construction trades. Just another very successful event in career exploration for students in ND.



Students Learning by Doing

CAREER DEVELOPMENT FACILITATOR INSTRUCTORS TRAINING COMPLETED

Master Trainer, Judy Ettinger, Ph.D, University of Wisconsin provided the Career Development Facilitators Instructor Training in Bismarck, on Jan 11-13, 2010. Individuals trained as instructors were: Kathy Holle, Career Resource Network Supervisor; Claire Fitzgerald, Career Development Supervisor; Kelly Pierce, Career Advisor Supervisor; and the Career Resource Coordinators of ND were Judy Barstad, NE Region; Jennie Granrud, NW Region; Jody Breker, SE Region; and

Donna Fricke, SW Region will be trained at a later date.

Career Advisors are required to have a bachelor's degree, at least 5 years employment history, 3 years of which must be outside the education field, and must complete the 120+hours of Career Development Facilitator Training established by the NCDA.

Plans are being made to provide training for Career Advisors beginning in May or June and will be held

throughout the year. The 20 week program will be delivered using a combination of face to face and online instruction. The Department of CTE will provide this training free of charge for Career Advisors who are contracted for this position. For more information: Kelly Pierce, the Career Advisor Supervisor, can be reached at 701-328-3103 or kpierce@nd.gov

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SEEC Strategic Planning



The South East Education Cooperative met Jan 14, 2010 for a Strategic Exploration led by Dr. Marv Erhardt. Marv

brought the SEEC constituents, at least 35 professionals, through a planning process based on the Wisdom of Crowds philosophy, meaning **no one person is as smart as all of us.**

This strategic exploration was intended to focus the SEEC organization towards a desirable 5 year plan to meet the needs of the participating schools. Following the group analysis phase, as a group we compiled a scouting report. Each member was given the opportunity to rate the developed scouting report. The results of this process will be communicated at a later date. For more information, contact Kyle Davison at kdavison@trainfargo.com or check out the website at www.seec.k12.nd.us.

CELEBRATE
CTE Month
February



Career Conference, Madison Wisconsin

I had a great opportunity to attend the Career Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, for the first time, Jan. 25-27, 2010. The conference started with a full day of business and industry tours entitled *21st Century Trends: Exploring Emerging Occupations and Changing Industries*. The underlying theme explored how regional trends drive workforce and industry trends.

We visited the Madison College Technology Education Commerce Corridor and visited their cutting edge technology incubator where companies range from tackling viruses to inventing new and better ways to grill our burgers. As part of the day's events we toured Aova Technologies, a business that is developing a natural feed additive to enhance growth and digestion of animals using eggs. As a beef producer, this was especially interesting to me.

Keynotes for the Conference were exceptional including Jason Dorsey, author of [My Reality Check Bounced](#) and [Graduate to Your Perfect Job](#). His humorous approach to understanding generations in the workplace, especially Gen Y, was the best I have heard.

Lawrence Shatkin, Ph.D., discussed his book, [Best Jobs for America](#), primarily speaking about

the latest government initiatives and the job opportunities that will emerge from these national economic changes. Lawrence discussed job opportunities that will emerge in certain key sectors of the economy such as infrastructure, green technologies, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing. **WiCell Research Institute, a National Stem Cell Bank, (below) included a tour and visit with researchers dedicated to expanding the frontiers of science and medicine by unlocking the potential of stem cells.** Check it out for yourself at www.wicell.org and www.nationalstemcellbank.org.

