

Region 9 News

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAWDC Quarterly Council Meeting:

Wednesday
September 14th
Regions RSA Tower
Pharr Room
9am-11am
To RSVP, email
ASmith@sawdc.org

2011 Worlds of Opportunity Career Expo for 8th Grade Students in Region 9:

September
28th & 29th
Greater Gulf State
Fairgrounds

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2011 Worlds of Opportunity Career Expo September 28th & 29th



WORLDS of OPPORTUNITY

The 2nd annual Worlds of Opportunity Career Expo is right around the corner! Scheduled for September 28th and 29th at the Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds, this year's expo is slated to host nearly 10,000 eighth graders from public and private schools within the eight counties of Region 9. The purpose of the event is to provide hands-on activities to help students understand the link between the subjects studied in school and careers available within the region.

The 2011 expo will feature 12 "Worlds" categorized by the following industries: Energy, Health Care, Communications, Construction, Public Service, Safety, Engineering/ Architecture, Maritime, Aerospace, Hospitality, Automotive Technology and Manufacturing. For more information on Worlds of Opportunity, please see Page 2.

For questions, please contact Jennifer Edwards at (251) 445-2090 or jedwards@sawdc.org.

Bringing Workforce Skills to You: Industrial Engineering Technology Training Units

An open house and tour of the Industrial Engineering Technology mobile training units will take place on the Atmore campus of Jefferson Davis Community College on August 23rd, at 10 a.m. These units house state-of-the-art equipment where students train in instrumentation, commercial electrical, programmable logic controllers, hydraulic/pneumatic power, and motor controls.



In response to the demand for industrial maintenance technicians, a Southwest Alabama Industrial Engineering Consortium is creating a standard skill-base for high-growth industrial maintenance career pathways in all two-year colleges in southwest Alabama. Members of the consortium include: Alabama Southern Community College, Bishop State Community College, Faulkner State Community College, Jeff Davis Community College, Reid State Technical College, Alabama Community College System and Alabama Technology Network.

Dr. Amy Brabham Appointed ACCS Director of Workforce Development

Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System, Dr. Freida Hill, has named Dr. Amy Brabham director of Workforce Development. Brabham will replace Dr. Matthew Hughes who has served the past four years. Hughes resigned from the position to move on to become dean of instruction at Enterprise State Community College.

Dr. Amy Brabham served previously as the associate director for Business and Education Services in the Governor's Office of Workforce Development. Prior to her work with the Governor's Office, Brabham served as director of the Alabama Technology Network Eufaula Center along with director of workforce development at Wallace Community College.

Because of her knowledge and understanding of the state's colleges and development needs, Brabham will provide a fresh perspective for the Alabama Community College System as a whole.

Volunteers Needed for Worlds of Opportunity Career Expo

To volunteer, email Volunteer@sawdc.org with the following information:

Name
Organization/Company
Email Address
Phone Number
Cell Phone Number
Preferred Shift (See Below for Options)

Day 1

September 27th

1) 8:30 a.m.—Noon

Help prepare student backpacks and materials, Assist “Worlds” with move-in and setup, and miscellaneous setup preparations

Day 2

September 28th

1) All Day: 7:45-3:15

2) Morning: 7:45-11:45

3) Afternoon: 11:15-3:15

Guide Students through event to maintain smooth flow, assist with volunteer check-in and refreshments, other miscellaneous tasks

Day 3

September 29th

1) All Day: 7:45-3:15

2) Morning: 7:45-11:45

3) Afternoon: 11:15-3:15

Guide students through event to maintain smooth flow, assist with volunteer check-in and Refreshments, other miscellaneous tasks

Around the
 “Worlds”
 with SAWDC



Energy

Healthcare

Communications

Construction

Public Service

Safety

Engineering &
 Architecture

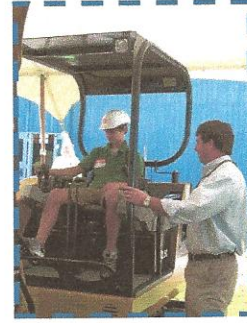
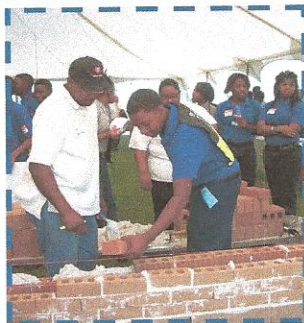
Maritime

Aerospace

Hospitality

Automotive
 Technology

Manufacturing



Industries Set to Participate in Worlds of Opportunity

A key feature for any successful career expo is the involvement and support of regional business and industry. Worlds of Opportunity enjoys the support of our region’s most successful and well-known companies, both large and small. These companies, grouped by industry into their respective “Worlds”, have spent the past year planning and preparing for the 2011 event. Many have partnered with the Gulf Coast Exploreum in ensuring that our region’s eighth graders have the most meaningful experience possible by enriching the hands-on interactions students will experience while learning about careers in each industry.

New to Worlds of Opportunity this year, the World of Hospitality & Tourism will be joining in by offering a travel-themed “getaway” for students. With Lolly Holk of Meyer Real Estate and Ed Bushaw of Faulkner State Community College leading the way, the group has assembled some of the best professionals our region’s hospitality & tourism industry has to offer. The World will feature high-demand Hospitality & Tourism jobs that are available in students’ own communities. Partners within the Hospitality & Tourism World include Meyer Real Estate, Faulkner State Community College, PCH Hotels & Resorts, South Baldwin Chamber Foundation, Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism, and the Gulf Coast Exploreum.

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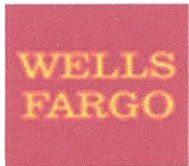


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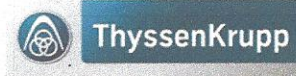
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