



Southwest Alabama Workforce Development Council

Region 9 News

SEPTEMBER 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAWDC Quarterly Council Meeting:

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

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

September
28th & 29th
Greater Gulf State
Fairgrounds

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WORLDS of OPPORTUNITY

2011 SAWDC Worlds of Opportunity

September 28th & 29th

It's finally here! The second annual SAWDC Worlds of Opportunity Career Expo will take place this month at the Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds in Mobile. Nearly 10,000 8th grade students throughout Region 9 will visit Mobile to get a first-hand glimpse of what it's like to work at various careers in Southwest Alabama. Students will visit 12 "Worlds" comprised of more than 120 regional companies and organizations. The worlds are as follows: Energy, Communications, Health care, Construction, Public Safety, Engineering/Architecture, Safety, Manufacturing, Automotive Technology, Hospitality & Tourism, Aerospace, and Maritime. For more information, please contact Jennifer Edwards at (251) 445-2090.

Workforce Solutions on Wheels

In an era of fast paced technology, Alabama's community colleges have taken learning to the next level. Thanks to a \$4.9 million Community-Based Job Training grant awarded by the Department of Labor to the Department of Postsecondary Education, job training has gone mobile.

Five custom made mobile units, packed with state-of-the-art equipment will provide an exciting and engaging method of job training in the field of industrial engineering technology. The mobile units will travel to and be used by five community colleges in southwest Alabama to send students down career pathways of high-growth and high-demand occupations in our area.



This was all made possible through the Southwest Alabama Industrial Engineering Consortium including Alabama Southern Community College, Bishop State Community College, Faulkner State Community College, Jefferson Davis Community College, Reid State Technical College, the Alabama Community College System and the Alabama Technology Network. With the valuable collaboration with and contribution of SAWDC employers such as Georgia Pacific and Boise, this exciting idea has been transformed into a reality. The traveling units will target the underemployed, unemployed and dislocated workers, along with incumbent workers. The Consortium listened to the needs of the industries in southwest Alabama and the goal of these mobile training units is to provide the means to address these needs.

Special Thanks to the 2011 SAWDC Worlds of Opportunity World Leaders and Steering Committee

World Leaders

Aerospace

David Yarbrough—Mobile Airport Authority

Auto Technology

John Moses—Bay Chevrolet

Communications

Nancy Pierce – Mobile Co. Public School System

Construction

Charlotte Kopf – Associated General Contractors
Susie Cleveland – Homebuilders Association of Metro Mobile
Leroy Nicholson – AFL-CIO

Energy

Tom McNeal – Alabama Power

Engineering/Architecture

Chad Jordan – Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood
Green Suttles – Gulf States Engineering

Health Care

Carol Statter – Infirmary Health System
Carol Lambert – Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce

Hospitality & Tourism

Lolly Holk – Meyer Real Estate
Ed Bushaw – Faulkner State Community College

Manufacturing

Jennifer Miniard – ThyssenKrupp Steel USA, LLC

Maritime

Byron Dunn – Alabama Technology Network
Audrey Bandy – Alabama Technology Network

Safety

Torrey Garrison – White-Spinner Construction
Avis Beasley – American Society of Safety Engineers – Mobile Chapter

Public Service

Josh Rhodes – Mobile Co. Sherriff's Department

Steering Committee

Kevin Atkins - Austal • Laura Chandler - SAWDC • Sharon Cureton

Greg Cyprian – City of Mobile • Al Etheridge – Mobile Area Education Foundation

Judy Graham – Alabama Power • Leida Javier-Ferrell – Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce

Jim Kellen – Bishop State Community College • Charlotte Kopf – Associated General Contractors

Tom McNeal – Alabama Power • Judy Miller - WESCO • Jennifer Edwards-SAWDC

Larry Mouton – Mobile County Public School System • Leroy Nicholson – AFL-CIO

Pam Ware – Mobile Works • Susan Rossman – Alabama Power • Carol Statter – Infirmary Health System

• Appie Head – Exploreum • Ashley Horn – Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce

Leah Nelson – Junior League of Mobile • Adelaide Smith - SAWDC

Volunteers Needed for the 2011 SAWDC Worlds of Opportunity

September 28th & 29th

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, miscellaneous tasks

Day 3

September 29th

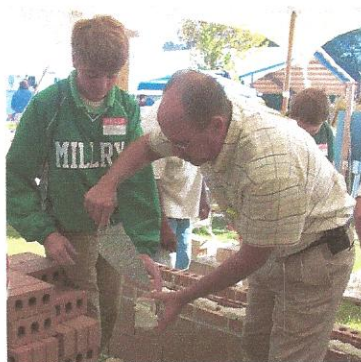
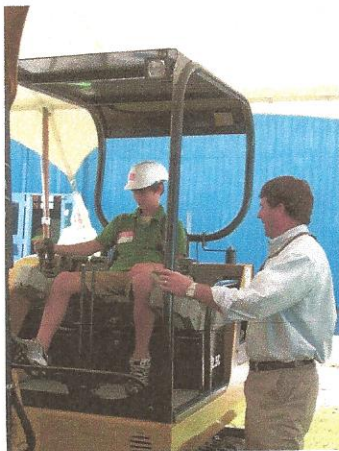
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SAWDC's Worlds of Opportunity at a Glance



A Special Thank You to the Contributors of the 2011 Worlds of Opportunity Expo

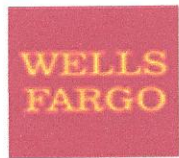
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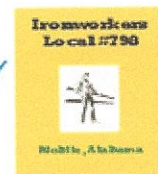


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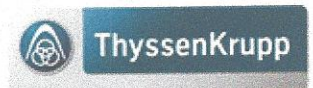


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