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2020 Virtual Career Expo Series-Call for Presenters

(WENATCHEE, Wash.) - The Apple STEM Network, (hosted by the North Central Educational Service District 171) in partnership within the Spokane STEM Network (hosted by Greater Spokane Inc), are proud to present the first 2020 Virtual Career Expo Series from, October 6th - November 10th on, Tuesday morning's from, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Virtual Career Expo Series is open to high school and college students all across North Central Washington, and is projected to serve 10,000 youth across Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, Grant, Lincoln, Stevens, Adams, Whitman, Ferry, Pend Oreille and Spokane counties. The Expo is intended to help students connect with incredible local college and career opportunities. This Expo Series is grant funded through Career Connect Washington, to connect young adults living in rural and remote communities to local employers. We want all students to have opportunities to explore a variety of future careers and educational opportunities as they prepare to enter the workforce.

Each week in the series will have a specific industry theme: October 6 - Health Sciences, October 13 - STEM, October 20 - Business & Marketing, October 27 - Skills & Technical Sciences, November 3 - Family & Consumer Sciences, and November 10 - Agriculture. Presenters can choose to participate in more than one week if applicable. Presenters will see an estimated attendance of 1,500 - 2,500 youth each week.

Presenters representing: business, educational institutions, training programs, and student support services are encouraged to participate by hosting a virtual booth at the events. Registration is free for students and presenters. **Call to Action:** Presenters can register to participate by completing the online registration form at http://bit.ly/NCWExpo2019Sponsorship

Young people benefit most from early and frequent participation in high-quality career connected learning opportunities. Across the state, and here in the North Central Washington region, educators and local industry professionals are coming together as part of the North Central Career Connect Washington Network to support students with a continuum of career awareness, exploration, preparation and work experiences that engages, trains and inspires students to seek out job while at the same time readying the workforce with the 21st-century skills that employers need.

About Career Connect Washington

Career Connect Washington was created by Governor Jay Inslee, with support and funding provided by the Washington State Legislature, to provide our state's young people with expanded opportunities to gain real-world experience through a fully integrated career connected learning system. Business, labor, educators, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and many others have come together to create a strategy for making these opportunities available in every part of our state to every student as part of their academic journey.

Career Connect Washington will provide students with early exploration and awareness in elementary and middle school, career preparation in high school, and "Career Launch" programs which can begin as early as 11th grade and bring paid, meaningful work-based learning together with an aligned classroom curriculum to create a competitive candidate for a real job and a post-high school credential and/or a year's worth of college credit. Career Connect Washington builds from the good efforts already underway and facilitates scaling them and integrating them into a system of options with great appeal to students and their parents as they explore their futures. For more information, visit www.careerconnectwa.org

About the Apple STEM Network

The Apple STEM Network is a regional alliance of K-12, Higher Ed and community partners in North Central Washington. We represent a diverse region with tremendous potential for STEM industry in agriculture, energy and innovation. With our collective effort we intend to: provide a constructive support system for educators who aim to meet the rising challenge for all students to develop 21st century skills and STEM literacy, to integrate community mentorship and promote authentic project-based learning and field experiences for all levels of education, and engage students in exploring the world of opportunities on the horizon through STEM. For more information visit www.applestemnetwork.org

About the North Central Educational Service District

The North Central Educational Service District is a resource to the 29 districts within the four-county service area, providing professional and timely tools to meet the needs of individual schools and districts, and a reliable point of education-related information for the communities served. The NCESD is a respected resource to other ESDs throughout Washington State.

About Greater Spokane Inc.

Greater Spokane Inc. (GSI) is the Spokane region's business development organization. GSI creates the place where organizations come together to advocate for the region, drive strategic economic growth, and champion a talented workforce. GSI is funded through a combination of private and public investment, including nearly 900 private-sector members; Spokane County; Washington State Department of Commerce; and the cities of Spokane, Spokane Valley, Cheney, Deer Park, Liberty Lake, Airway Heights, Medical Lake, Millwood, Newport, and the Kalispel Tribe of Indians. For more information visit GreaterSpokane.org.

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