



Dear Business Partner/College Representative:

The Chester County School District, with support from the Chester County Chamber of Commerce and The Chester Healthcare Foundation, is excited to announce our **Annual Career Expo**. The purpose of the Career Expo is to showcase the career and college options that are available to local high school graduates. The Expo will take place on October 20, 2017, and thanks to The Chester County Economic Development (CCED) the Expo will again be held at the beautiful Gateway Conference Center in Richburg. Students from all three of the district's high schools will attend the event, and then tour the York Technical College Chester Campus. Approximately 350 Chester County seniors will be graduating June 2, 2018. These seniors will be looking for employment opportunities and/or seeking to further their education. The Career Expo is **free & it is not a job fair**. Rather, we need our business leaders in attendance to be positive role models for students, and help them build awareness and relationships within the surrounding business community.

We would like to invite you to attend this event. The theme for this year's Expo is **"What's in my own backyard?"** Not only will the students learn more about the many careers in their own backyards, but after the students depart there will be time for the businesses to network & find out what is in their own backyards. A sit down lunch will then be provided with a business speaker who will be highlighting the importance of schools, businesses, and community leaders working together to continue to enhance the economic development of Chester County. (More details regarding the speaker to follow)

The mission of the Chester County School District, in partnership with the community, is to develop productive citizens prepared for the changing world by providing challenging, lifelong learning opportunities in a safe, healthy and positive environment. With your assistance, the Career Expo will be another opportunity to fulfill this mission for our students. Your business will be provided a space which includes a table and two (or more) chairs, and/or an outdoor space if needed. Please feel free to bring displays, brochures, props, equipment, and tools that you use in your line of work, as well as any hands-on demonstrations that you may have for students to see.

Schools will rotate based on the following schedule and will be required to visit a certain number of outdoor, as well as indoor, displays:

- Great Falls & Lewisville High Schools – 9:15 am – 10:30 am
- Chester High School & Chester County Adult Education - 10:45 am – 12:00 pm
- Networking & Luncheon – 12:15 – 2:00 pm

Please arrive early enough to set up your table/area before students arrive – by 9:00 am. The business networking session & lunch will be served after the last student groups depart.

Please return the attached registration form as soon as possible and no later than **October 14, 2017**. This will help ensure the correct head count for lunch. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. My contact information is below. Thank you again for supporting the students of Chester County!

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Career Expo Friday, October 20th, 2017
Registration Form

Business or College Information

Business or College Name: _____

Business or College Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name(s) of person attending the Expo, email and phone contact:

_____, _____ - ()- _____

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(We welcome as many representatives as you would like, however to ensure a correct head count for lunch we need an exact number attending. Thank you!)

Special Set up Accommodations (if needed):

Will you need an electrical outlet? _____ yes _____ no

(If yes please bring an extension cord)

Please email, fax or mail this form to:

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