

Blackstone Valley Education Foundation Connects Students to Work Opportunities

The reality of the working world is only a few short months away for close to 100 students from multiple area high schools who recently participated in a unique student jobs fair. Blackstone Valley Education Foundation (BVEF) sponsored the program which was hosted by Uxbridge High School.

The CMWIB is a critical partner and supporter of BVEF career activities through Connecting Activities grants from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Jennithan Cortes, the Business Engagement Solutions Team Manager at Workforce Central, was the keynote presenter. His focus for the students was the importance of job readiness and effective use of soft skills in undertaking a job search.

Employers representing the building industry, health care, banking, architecture, and manufacturing met with rotating groups of students in a fast-paced ‘speed dating’ format inside the school gymnasium. The employers were chosen because they each plan to hire entry-level staff or interns within the next few months. Each employer also met with a BVEF staff member and received a new guidebook created by the CMWIB that helps companies understand best practices when hiring high school interns.



Students listen to presentations from Consigli Construction and UniBank, just two of the companies represented at the BVEF Student Job Fair hosted recently by Uxbridge High School.

For more information regarding the programs offered through the Central MA Workforce Investment Board, please see us online at www.cmwib.org or contact Jeff Turgeon at: turgeonj@worcesterma.gov or 508.799-1509