

November / December 2015
Career Planning Coordinator Board Report
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Ready To

Ready for College – Amy Sloan from PHEAA is scheduled to present information about the FAFSA and Smart Borrowing for college-bound seniors on December 17th. Scholarship information continues to be provided to students on an on-going basis. Workshops on SAT / ACT registration and College Exploration and Scholarship searching will continue to be conducted throughout the school year, targeting college bound juniors.

Ready to Work – Lessons on cover letters, resume writing and reference pages continues to be offered in the classroom.

Preparation for the Apprenticeship & Training and Military panels has begun. These annual events will take place early in the second semester.

WIN

Our students have been actively working on their Career Readiness Assessments in the WIN Career Readiness System. I continue to work with students and staff to familiarize them with software and its applications. I have briefed faculty during meetings and regularly work in the classroom with students. Currently, over 650 ECTS students are actively working in the WIN system toward completion of their Career Readiness Assessments. To date, 214 students have earned a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate. Our goal is to have our students earn their Gold certificate prior to their graduation. I am also developing lessons on Career Exploration using the WIN Strategic Compass and Soft Skills modules. Career Exploration lessons have been piloted in 2 labs and have been well received. I will continue to develop this lesson and begin full scale implementation after the holiday break.

NOCTI & NIMS

NOCTI per-test scores have been released to faculty for dissemination to students. Student study guides, teacher study guide companions, and Instructor prep-packs have also been provided to instructors to assist with preparation for the NOCTI assessment in April. Our performance test will once again take place all on one day, April 27th. Online testing will begin in early April.

Advanced Training Day

Advanced Training Day 2015 was a huge success. 43 trade organizations, employers, staffing agencies and military representatives attended. This was our largest Advanced Training Day to date! ECTS's Advanced Training Day showcases some of the post-secondary opportunities that exist for our students following their high school graduation.