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**Student Career Exploration Fair & Expo
Information Packet**



April 20, 2016

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Horton Community Building

Horton, KS

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Dear Career Fair & Expo Participant,

I would like to thank you for agreeing to participate in the first USD 430 Career Fair & Expo on April 20, 2016 in Horton, KS. Your enthusiastic feedback about this event has me very excited about connecting students with local employers to learn about the needs of the future workforce.

The mission of the career fair is to inspire students to pursue career opportunities, to educate them about requirements needed to achieve their career path, and to inform students about the career opportunities that exist in the local community,

Some desired outcomes of the career fair include:

- Student gain exposure to different types of careers.
- Students will learn what education level is required to pursue the career path they are interested in (high school diploma, trade school, college, etc.).
- Students will learn what opportunities are available to them in the local community.
- Business people can build mentoring relationships with the students to help them pursue their career interests.
- Businesses can inform the students of their future employment needs.
- The community can retain an educated and trained workforce who can sustain and grow our rural community.

I have put together this packet of information to assist you in planning for the Career Fair & Expo. Please contact me if you have additional questions.

Thank you,

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“College and Career Readiness”

One of the curriculum standards of a school district is to make sure that their students are “College and Career Ready”. This Career Fair and Expo will be used to help the district meet this standard and help the students understand what their career track is. “College and Career Readiness” does not mean that all students must attend college. The career they may be seeking may require high school education, technical education, or a college education.

The businesses are encouraged to bring items that will encourage interactions with the students and information that they can take with them. A few ideas include:

- A fact sheet about the business with information about the career/job types that are available, along with a list of the required education needed to obtain each career/job type.
- Interactive displays that allow students to get “hands on”. These displays can be computer programs, industrial displays, etc. Feel free to use your imagination.
- Booth games.

Remember to be very proactive as students walk by your booth. As this is one of the first experiences our students have had in this sort of educational format.

The teachers of the district will be asked to provide an assignment to the students after the Career Fair & Expo in order to evaluate from the students the knowledge they gained about the career opportunities they discovered.

There will also be a survey administered to the students and business participants about the Career Fair & Expo to gain feedback about the event. These survey results will be used to improve the Career Fair & Expo or similar events in the future. The results will also be provided to the business participants as well as school staff.

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Schedule of Events

Grades 5 & 6	
8:30 AM	Students Arrive at Career Exploration Fair & Expo
8:30 AM 9:00 AM	Breakout Session: <i>"Building Qualities in the Classroom that Employers Want"</i>
10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Breakout Session": <i>"Fields of Dreams: Exploring Different Career Fields Panel"</i>
10:30 AM	Students Return to School

Grades 7 - 8	
10:00 AM	Students Arrive at Career Exploration Fair & Expo
10:30 AM 11:00 AM	Breakout Session: <i>"Building Qualities in the Classroom that Employers Want"</i>
11:30 AM 12:00: PM	Breakout Session": <i>"Fields of Dreams: Exploring Different Career Fields Panel"</i>
12:00 PM	Students Return to School

Grades 9 - 10	
11:55 PM	Students bussed to Career Exploration Fair & Expo
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Breakout Session: <i>Interactive Education Panel (Techs & College Reps)</i>
12:55 PM - 1:25 PM	Breakout Sessions: <i>"Making an Impression with an Employer"</i>
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Breakout Sessions: <i>"Personal Finance: What to with the Paycheck?"</i>
2:05 PM	9-10 Students Return to School

Grades 11 - 12	
12:25 PM	Students Arrive at Career Exploration Fair & Expo
12:55 PM - 1:25 PM	Breakout Sessions: <i>"Making an Impression with an Employer"</i>
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Breakout Sessions: <i>"Personal Finance: What to with the Paycheck?"</i>
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Breakout Sessions: <i>Interactive Education Panel (Techs & College Reps)</i>
3:00 PM	11-12 Students Dismissed

The Expo will be open for all students to explore career types. High School students have the choice to attend the breakout session or continue to speak with employers.

Business participants will eat lunch at 11:30 AM unless they are on the breakout session panel "Fields of Dreams". A break will be found for these panel participants.

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Career Fair Participants		
AHRS Inc. Eric Stallbaumer	Kanza Mental Health Diane Gaddis	OT, PT, Speech Kendra Heinen/Libby Cairo/Jennifer Studer
Autos 4 You Cara Christian	Kex RX Pharmacy Anita Mueller	National Guard / Military David Wellman/Travis McClain/Sgt. King
Bruna Implement Darcy Prulle	Kickapoo Environmental Office Eric Sheets	Rainbow Communications Stacy Simmer/Jason Smith
Capstan Ag Service Troy Kolb/Becki Childress	Kickapoo Nation Health Center Tiffany Lewis	Rogers and Sons Electric Cory Baker
EMS/EMT Jeremy Forkenbrock	KNZA Radio TBA	Horton Police Dept. Jon Boller III/John Calhoun
Farm Bureau Financial Services Angie Hughes	Delights Maxine Rice	Sunrice Chiropractic Larissa Rice
Golden Eagle Casino Thor Brown	Met Life Financial Leon Torkelson	USD 430 Melinda Handley/Gary Sorenson
Horton Hospital James Noble	Mission Village Living Center McKenna Boller	Wenger Manufacturing Jason Selland/Andrew McClaskey
Horton National Bank Greg Rodvelt	Molt Accounting Service Traci Molt	Wildlife Fire Mgmt. Melvin Lewis II
Delaware Valley Center for Independent Living Dan Burns		
Educational Institutions		
Washburn Business School Stacy Woltje	Kansas State University	Highland Community College
Washburn University Small Business Development Center Mary Ann Rieder	Studio LUMA Melissa Mumford	

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<p>AHRS Inc. www.ahrs-inc.com</p>	<p>Founded in 1976, AHRS Construction has evolved from a small construction company performing residential and agricultural construction to a General Contracting/Construction Management firm, which has gained the respect of its clients and peers in performing successful commercial and construction management projects. AHRS of Bern, Kansas, is known for its professionalism and quality work, a testament to the persistence and determination to succeed that has been the dictum of Dan Stallbaumer, owner and president of AHRS Construction. That, partnered with dedicated employees who have taken a personal interest in their work and who have shown a commitment to AHRS and the customers they serve, has earned AHRS a loyal customer base.</p>
<p>Autos 4 You www.autos-4-u.com</p>	<p>Delivering quality used cars at reasonable pricing and first class customer service to NE Kansas and the surrounding areas. BUY, SELL, TRADE!!!</p>
<p>Bruna Implement www.brunaimplementco.com</p>	<p>Bruna Implement is a well established Case IH farm equipment dealership that has over a 65 year history of providing the best products and service to our customers in North Central and Northeast Kansas. Bruna has the capacity to handle all of farm machinery needs and a service department second to none.</p>
<p>Capstan Ag Service www.capstanag.com</p>	<p>Capstan Ag Systems, a technology based company, specializes in creating new proprietary systems for the agricultural industry, particularly with chemical and fertilizer applications. Headquartered in Topeka, Kansas, Capstan Ag's inventive process involves research, engineering design and lab and field testing often working in concert with other experts in the field. Capstan Ag maintains ties to strong agricultural departments in a number of universities around North America.</p>
<p>Horton EMS/EMT www.horton-hospital.com/Medical-Services/Emergency.aspx</p>	<p>Horton Emergency Medical Service (Horton EMS), a department of the Horton Community Hospital, is staffed with paid volunteers. Most of these volunteers maintain other occupational full time jobs and volunteer their time to cover EMS call daily. Some hold other positions within the Hospital. Staff includes Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT) and Paramedics. The service is classified by the Kansas Board of EMS as a Type 2A service. This classification provides Basic Life Support (BLS) with Advanced Life Support (ALS) capabilities.</p>
<p>Farm Bureau Financial Services www.angiehughes.fbfs.com</p>	<p>Farm Bureau Insurance Agency selling home, auto, life, business, farm, worker's comp, renters, fixed annuities, retirement</p>
<p>Golden Eagle Casino www.goldeneaglecasino.org</p>	<p>Golden Eagle Casino is open 24 hours with over 45,000 square feet of gaming excitement! Play the newest slot machines plus all of your favorite table games – blackjack, craps and more! Golden Eagle Casino is located on the Kickapoo Nation Reservation, just 6 miles west of Horton, Kansas.</p>
<p>Horton Hospital www.horton-hospital.com</p>	<p>Horton Community Hospital is a 25 bed critical access hospital. We pride ourselves on providing top quality care for Horton and all of Brown County. Services include diagnostic and therapeutic services, 24 hour emergency care, convenient and specialized outpatient resources, pharmaceutical services and other services designed to improve the health and well being of our community.</p>
<p>Horton National Bank www.gn-bank.com/kansas-horton-national-bank/</p>	<p>"The Best Place to Bank and Borrow", providing friendly, familiar service. We are committed to offering a wide array of sound, competitively priced products and services for your personal, business, and agricultural needs.</p>
<p>Delaware Valley Center for Independent Living</p>	<p>People with disabilities empowering, enabling, and advocating for people with disabilities to achieve and maintain independent living, equal participation, and inclusion in mainstream society.</p>
<p>Kanza Mental Health www.kanzamhgc.org</p>	<p>KANZA Mental Health Center is licensed as a community mental health center, and has been providing continuous outpatient mental healthcare in the region since 1963. Our licensed therapists, doctors, nurses, case managers, peer support and attendant care workers, and others who provide services to our consumers, are caring, dedicated, and trained professionals.</p>
<p>Kex RX Pharmacy www.kexrx.com</p>	<p>Kex RX provides a complete line of pharmaceutical products and medical equipment. Kex RX is community pharmacy with locations in Hiawatha, Horton, Falls City, and Atchison.</p>

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Kickapoo Environmental Office www.ktik-nsn.gov	<p>The mission of the Kickapoo Environmental Office (KEO) is to promote the safety, health, and welfare of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas and improve the quality of life on the Kickapoo Nation by safeguarding the environment and natural resources. The overall program goal is to develop a comprehensive environmental protection program for the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas that will protect the natural, cultural, and human resources.</p>
Kickapoo Nation Health Center www.ktik-nsn.gov	<p>Kickapoo Nation Health Center provides medical, dental, and specialty services to the members of the Kickapoo Tribe.</p>
KNZA Radio www.mscnews.net	<p>KNZA 103.9 FM is owned and operated by knza Inc. and is licensed to broadcast from Hiawatha Kansas. To all of Northeast Kansas, with 50,000 watts of power on 103.9 MHz.</p>
Delights	<p>Delights ~ Coffee, Gifts & Antiques is a locally owned business, in downtown Horton, KS,</p>
Met Life Financial www.metlife.com	<p>MetLife, Inc. is a leading global provider of insurance, annuities and employee benefit programs.</p>
Mission Village Living Center www.missionvillage.org	<p>Mission Village Living Center, formerly known as Tri County Manor, has been providing long term care in Horton, KS since 1975.</p>
Molt Accounting Service	<p>Molt Accounting Service provides accounting and tax services in Horton, KS.</p>
National Guard kansarmynationalguard.com	<p>Serve your community, your state and your country. As a Guard Soldier, you can expect your primary area of operation to be your home state, following the leadership of your state adjutant general and governor. This may include community efforts, responding to wildfires or floods. Or, it may include serving overseas, training foreign forces. You will also be prepared to mobilize when directed by the president. This may include overseas service or domestic, such as serving along the U.S.-Mexico border. So, what does the National Guard do? Whatever is needed, wherever it is needed.</p>
Pony Express Bank www.ponyexpr.com	<p>Pony Express Community Bank is a locally owned, locally operated community bank in the St. Joseph, Missouri area. With one branch in St. Joseph, Missouri, the original branch in Elwood, Kansas, a branch in Horton, Kansas, and our newest location in Troy, Kansas, we offer convenient locations for all customers.</p>
Rainbow Communications www.rainbowtel.net	<p>Rainbow Communications provides state-of-the-art broadband and communications technology in Northeast Kansas.</p>
Rogers and Sons Electric	<p>Based in Seneca, KS, Rogers & Son's Electric provides Electrical, Heating & Cooling, and Plumbing services in Northeast Kansas.</p>
Horton Police Dept. www.cityofhorton.com	<p>The City of Horton Police and Communications Department employs 6 full-time police officers and 2 part-time. The city operates a 24-hour dispatch center. They dispatch for the Horton area, the neighboring Kickapoo Tribe, and are also a backup for Brown County. The dispatchers are tasked with processing incoming police, fire, and EMS related 911 calls, and dispatch police, fire, EMS and other emergency units and personnel as needed according to established procedures. They monitor and operate emergency signaling, radio, computer, telephone, alarm, and other specialized equipment in support of public safety communications and dispatch functions.</p>

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Sunrice Chiropractic www.sunricechiropractic.com	Sunrice Chiropractic LLC specializes in treatment of the entire body through a gentle, low-force instrument adjustment using a blend of traditional philosophy and new-school technology. We believe the body is self-healing and when given a treatment can produce incredible outcomes.
USD 430 usd430.k12.ks.us	A Kansas School District that provides K-12 Education and Special Education to the students of South Brown County Kansas.
Wenger Manufacturing www.wenger.com	Wenger offers a range of premium single-screw extruders, twin-screw extruders, dryers/coolers, flavor coating and enrobing systems, and control systems. A new generation of proud employees works toward customer satisfaction daily in our multiple plants, in our world-class research and development center, and in sales and service offices around the globe.
Wildlife Fire Mgmt. www.bia.gov	Our Mission is to execute our fiduciary trust responsibility by protecting lives, property, and resources while restoring and maintaining healthy ecosystems through cost-effective and creative fire-management programs, collaboration, and promoting Indian self-determination.
Washburn University Small Business Development Center washburnsmallbusiness.com	Started in October 1983, the Washburn University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides small business consulting services and training seminars to northeast Kansas entrepreneurs.
Washburn Business School www.washburn.edu	The Washburn School of Business provides high quality business education, supported by research and service activities, that enhances the economic vitality of the region.
Kansas State University www.k-state.edu	Kansas State University is recognized by the Princeton Review as one of America's best colleges, and U.S. News & World Report lists the university among the top 75 public universities in the U.S. Kansas State University is implementing an aggressive plan to become a top 50 public research university by 2025.
Highland Community College www.highlandcc.edu	HCC provides lifelong learning opportunities and contributes to economic development to enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve.
Studio LUMA www.regency.edu	The Studio Luma® program at Regency Beauty Institute teaches you salon success through stories, not lectures. It's visual. Interactive. Hands-on. You'll learn the way artists should

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Breakout Sessions

These Breakout Sessions will be presented during the Career Exploration Fair & Expo.

Building Qualities in the Classroom that Employers Want

This session will provide information to the students about qualities that employers look for in employees and how they relate to the classroom.

Speaker: Troy Kolb & Becki Childress, Capstan Ag Systems

Making an Impression with an Employer

This session will provide students information about how employers evaluate potential candidates to determine who they are going to hire. The students will learn about qualities, requirements, and other items needed to make them the most attractive candidate for the position they are pursuing.

Speaker: Jason Smith, Rainbow Communications

Fields of Dream: Exploring Different Career Field Panel

Students may not know about the different types of career fields that employers need. These fields can be in the fields of accounting, healthcare, engineering, marketing, etc. Students will listen to professionals in each of these fields discuss what they do and how they decided to pursue their career.

Panel: Jason Selland, Wenger MFG.; James Noble, Horton Hospital; Larissa Rice, Sunrice Chiropractic

Personal Finance: What to with that paycheck.

What should the employee do with that first paycheck, buy a new car? Students will hear about personal budgeting, saving for retirement, loans, taxes, etc

Panel: Luke Moore, Pony Express Bank & Leon Torkelson, Metlife

Interactive Education Panel

Students may not realize the multiple types of post secondary education available to them and how it can help them get the career they want. Representatives from postsecondary educational institutions will talk about the programs offered, employees placed, etc. with the students.

Panel: Kansas State University, Highland Community College, Washburn Business School

Call for Speakers:

Would you like to speak about one of the topics above? Even though we have speakers assigned to the topics, we could possibly use additional speakers. Please let me know if you would be willing to speak and which topic you would feel the most comfortable speaking about.

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General Information

Attendees	South Brown County USD 430 Students in the 5th through 12th Grades.
Booths	The booths will be laid out in a 10' wide x 8' deep size. Each booth will be provided with an 8' foot table. Chair will be available if you need them. The booths will be open (no curtains or barriers). Please let me know if you have any special needs. Booth assignments have not been made yet, but locations will be marked on the table when you setup.
Giveaways	The businesses are welcome to provide giveaways (pencils, pens, marketing trinkets, etc.) to encourage interaction with the students. The students will also be provided with a card that will be marked by the person they speak to at the booth. This card will be entered into a drawing for some door prizes throughout the event. Please let us know if your business would like to donate a door prize.
Location	The Career Fair & Expo will be held at the Horton Community Building (Blue Building) located at 716 1st Avenue West, Horton KS. http://www.cityofhorton.com/blue-building.html
Setup	The Blue Building will be open from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 19 or 7:30 AM on Wednesday, April 20 for businesses to set up. If you need to set up earlier, please let us know and we can make arrangements.
Time	The Career Fair & Expo will be held during the school day. The building will be open at 7:30 AM on the day of the event. The first group will arrive at 8:30 AM and the last group will leave at 3:00 PM. To allow all students to attend the event within the school day, no formal lunch time is scheduled for the business participants; but the Horton PTO will be providing a lunch for the business participants to eat in breaks/shifts.
Wi-Fi	Wi-Fi will be available in the community building the day of the Career Fair & Expo. Network name: Community Building, Password: Horton1886.

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