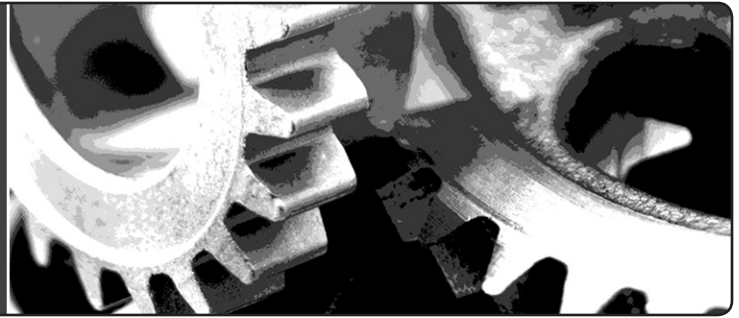




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WORKFORCE NEWS



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OPPORTUNITIES

Apply now for college aid

Want to attend college, but don't know how you can pay for it? Come to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshop on **February 11 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** This information session, hosted by ESD 112 will walk you through how to apply for financial aid, as well as timelines and other helpful hints. Family members are also encouraged to attend. Almost all participants in the Youth Workforce Program will qualify to receive financial aid for college if they complete the FAFSA on time.

Sign up now for your spot, and let us know if you are bringing any family members. Pizza will be served at the beginning of the session.

To sign up, call your Specialist and they will give you a list of the items you should bring to the session if you are going to work through the FAFSA online form that night (and this is highly recommended - it will be easier, and quicker than if you try it on your own).

If you want to find out more about the FAFSA process, or view or print out a list of the documents and information you will need to bring, log on to: www.fafsa.ed.gov, then on the upper left side, click on "Before Beginning a FAFSA," then "Gather the documents you will need," on the next page. Don't worry if you do not yet have your 2009 taxes completed. Bring your 2008 or 2009 tax information to get started.

Train and gain Microsoft certification during Spring Break Tech Boot Camp

Interested in becoming a Microsoft Certified Application Specialist by gaining certification in any of the main Microsoft applications -Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook or Access? According to the Microsoft web site, www.microsoft.com, "The Microsoft Certified Application Specialist program is committed to providing students and information workers with the opportunity to certify their Microsoft skills. Specialists enjoy increased competence and productivity with Microsoft programs as well as increased credibility with employers, coworkers and clients."

Start the process with a Microsoft Word Boot Camp. During Spring Break, March 29 to April 2, climb aboard the Youth Workforce Tech Bus, outfitted with the most-

PARTICIPANTS MOVE TO SCHOOL OR CAREER

up-to-date computers, software and technology. Once you complete the training, and pass the certification test, you will be able to list "Microsoft Certified Application Specialist-Word" on your resume'. Contact your specialist for more details.

Even in the tough employment market, YWP participants used their skills to find jobs: **Katie Cram** is at Cedar Gardens Adult Family Home. **Ashley Brewer** joined the Cowlitz Family Health Center. **Kelsey Davis** is an AmeriCorps member serving as an ESL Instruction Assistant at Wallace Elementary. **Lindsey Brill** is employed at Applebee's, while **Tomas Chavez** is at WinCo. **Chavilla Monk** was hired at Liberty Taxes. **Jeremy Ahrens** has enlisted in the Army.

For others, school and training were the next steps. **Chelsea Allen** has completed Fundamentals of Caregiving training. **Izzy Lopez** and **Alina Alvarez** enrolled at Lower Columbia College for Winter quarter. **December Perez**, **Emily Redmill** and **Michael Millikan** have recently completed BYU credit recovery courses.

Opportunity Internship offers experience and college help

Are you a high school senior and planning to attend college this fall? If you are already a part of the Youth Workforce Program, you may qualify for the Opportunity Internship Program. Not only can you gain 90 hours in a science, technology, engineering, math or healthcare field, you will also receive a small stipend, and a college scholarship opportunity.

A completed FAFSA (see above left story) is required, along with a completed Opportunity Internship application. You also must be available to complete a 90 hour internship by June. Check with your specialist to see if you are eligible.

WE'RE ON THE WEB: WWW.ESD112.ORG/WWP

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