

Outreach Program Seeks Local Professionals for Career Exploration Fair

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- 4th Annual College & Career Fair for local 9th grade students will take place on March 5
- TRIO Pre-College Programs is seeking local professionals, businesses & organizations to attend
- Students will have to opportunity to speak local professionals to learn about the wide variety of career paths they can choose.

TRIO Pre-College Programs will host nearly 400 ninth grade students from the Copper Country Intermediate School District on March 5 for their annual College & Career Fair and is currently seeking local businesses and organizations to participate. At the fair, students will be provided a "passport" to complete as they explore a wide variety of colleges, business, organizations and career types. They are encouraged to ask professionals about the daily requirements of their job, what kind of education or training is necessary, etc. The purpose of the event is to allow ninth grade students to explore career options and learn about education requirements, which allows them to begin planning for their future.

Businesses and organization participants are encouraged to bring hands on materials from their work to help students understand the career or business. If able, businesses are encouraged to bring giveaways for students.

"Our annual college and career fair is a great opportunity to allow ninth grade students the opportunity to explore career paths, college options and start dreaming their future," says Kailee Laplander, the event coordinator. Last year's fair included 30+ businesses and organizations and eight colleges. TRIO PCP hopes to increase the amount of local professionals and the variety of careers showcased at the fair.

The 4th Annual College & Career Fair will take place on the morning of Thursday, March 5, 2020 at Finandia University. If there is a snow day, the fair will be rescheduled for the same time the following day. If you are interested in participating or would like to learn more details, contact Laplander via email (<u>kailee.laplander@finlandia.edu</u>) or phone (906-487-7382). *Businesses/organizations must RSVP to attend*.

TRIO Pre-College Programs, consisting of TRIO Talent Search & TRIO Upward Bound, are 100% grant funded by the US Department of Education and proudly hosted by Finlandia University. Both programs exist to assist students who are from a limited income home and/or potential first-generation students prepare for successful entry and completion of post-secondary education. For more information about our programs, events, and areas served, visit keweenawtrio.org.