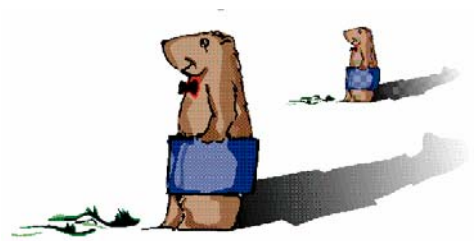


South Plains Tech Prep Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2005



The seventh annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day was great, with a total of 1,425 regional high school juniors placed with mentors on February 2, 2005! Students were placed with a mentor in a career area of their choice and had very interactive experiences. Over 100 students were on the SPC campus for the day working with instructors and students in the technical fields.

47 ISDs participated in the event this year. At our larger schools, only 125 students can participate. Students lined up at 6:30 a.m. to sign up. 400 businesses provided mentors for the event and also provided lunch for the students. The Rotary Clubs of Lubbock provided transportation for Muleshoe and Denver City students and also students shadowing at TTU.

Tech Prep staff coordinates the event and recruits the business mentors. Staff matches students with mentors and provides all marketing materials. Each high school designates a coordinator who provides a list of students and their career choices to the partnership. **Over 8,000 students have spent the day with a business mentor as part of this program!**

Student Quotes

"I have discovered my passion!"

"I'm going to volunteer at the hospital for more experience"

"The best part was watching a baby be born"

"He offered me a job to start training with him in the summer"

"I got to see the dentist put in implants-bloody but cool"

"The entire day was awesome"

"I learned everything from customer service to placing orders"

Business Quotes

"I was impressed with the student's professionalism and eagerness to participate in our daily business affairs."

"All of the students were very mature and smart. They observed a district felony trial, participated in a domestic violence appointment with the attorneys and victim, and talked to the district attorney. We toured the Lubbock County jail and the students saw the drug dog and the explosives dog perform"

"This is a great program. I wish that I had this when I was in school."

"This gives us a chance to show students our industry! Thanks."

High School Coordinator Quote: "Several students were offered jobs and asked to volunteer this summer."

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