

Tech Prep Ground Hog Job Shadow Day Best Practice – 2005 South Texas Tech Prep Consortium

Our Tech Prep office observes and participates in the National Ground Hog Job Shadow Day annually in conjunction with the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement, Texas Workforce Development Board, and Laredo Community College.

Tech Prep coordinates and facilitates the Ground Hog Job Shadow Day event for Laredo Community College. This year, we increased our “shadows” to 44 from 33 last year. Laredo Community College had the most “shadow” per site. Students were grateful for the exposure they received at our institution. One student put it “there’s more to a college than one would think”. Many of the students feel the exposure lessens the threat of applying, enrolling, and even attending college. Other students commented on the professionalism of some departments and other students were impressed at just observing a college class.

Overall, the event is always successful and Tech Prep always ends up finding a food sponsor for the students to enjoy. This year, Papa John’s Pizza graciously donated the pizza, and was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Tech Prep and Laredo Community College. Media coverage is always a part of our event that is one of the students’ favorite.

Of course other students shadow other businesses, hospitals, and industry across the community that is arranged through our National Ground Hog Job Shadow Committee. Again, this event brings collaboration from the education community, business, and industry in order to make it a success. Mainly, the student participants get a birds eye view of what it takes to secure, maintain, and progress in the demands of the current workforce.

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