

CAREER PREP NEWS

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Welcome to the Fall edition of Career Prep News. Our first issue of the 2006-07 school year features . . .

- "3-D Animation Camp" at WCC
- Annual student update of Education Development Plan (EDP)
- Michigan Employment Facts



SUMMER CAMP AT WCC

Ten YHS students attended a four-day "3-D Animation Summer Camp" during their summer vacation. They learned about programming video games and the importance of math and science as the basis for their animations. The students expressed an interest in Animation and Programming through the completion of their EDP (Education Development Plan) last year; it has become a tool to identify career exploration opportunities.

Students who attended the Camp were Marcus Beard, Terrance Blakely, Samantha Fell, Jasen Freeman, Brett Geer, Quadric Gilliam, Brittani Hinman, John Smallish, Jeremiah Turman, and Everett Wengrow.

Two students' comments below reflect their memorable experiences.

Let's begin with comments from **Marcus Beard**: "It was cool learning graphic design. It's something I always wanted to do—become a Video Game Designer. I was surprised about all of the

numbers, the physics, the detail, and the time needed for the structure of the program. The people were nice and were very helpful. They pulled us in. Now I know I have to take Physics next year. I was so glad to go! Thank you!"

Brittani Hinman added, "We learned to work with the Maya program which animates characters. We also learned coding to go with the program and also about storybuilding. It was definitely worth attending the workshop."

STUDENTS UPDATING EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PLANS (EDP)

Students have begun to update their individual EDP to reflect their accomplishments over the summer. Many worked for the first time while others participated in summer internships or institutes; others may have volunteered in the community. All of these experiences help students to begin developing a career plan that will lead to future careers. One of the best ways to explore potential careers is through part-time employment.

By exploring the "Career Cruising" web site, students are able to research post-secondary institutions and their admissions requirements including ACT scores, tuition, and the various community colleges and universities that will serve their career needs. They are also able to take a virtual tour of the colleges they are considering attending for Fall 2007. If you're interested in doing your own research on

careers and post-secondary institutions, go to . . .

careercruising.com
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MICHIGAN EMPLOYMENT FACTS:

The careers with the **most projected openings** through 2014* and requiring a 2-year Associate Degree are:

1. Registered Nurses
2. Nurses Aides/Attendants
3. Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics
4. Licensed Practical Nurses
5. Hair Stylists/Cosmetologists
6. Pre-School Teachers
7. Computer Support Specialists
8. Medical Secretaries
9. Bus/Truck Mechanics
10. Fitness Trainers

*acinet.org

Our next newsletter will feature careers requiring a 4-year degree.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Michigan's largest employer is the University of Michigan with 38,000+ employees followed by the Detroit Medical Center with 19,000 employees

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