

COUNSELOR'S CONNECTION

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Hutchinson Community College

There's a lot of excitement in the HCC Welding Technology program this year. Their facility has expanded and improved to offer the best education in welding and fabrication processes. They offer both Associate and Applied Science Certificate options for this program. Employment opportunities continue to be strong for their graduates, with placement of 100% for qualified graduates seeking employment. Visit their website at www.hutchcc.edu for more information.

"Be brave enough to live life creatively. The creative is the place where no one else has ever been. You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. You can't get there by bus, only by hard work and risk and by not quite knowing what you're doing. What you'll discover will be yourself."

Alan Alda

Kansas Future Teacher Academy

In this era of critical teacher shortage, Kansas high school students who are considering a teaching career have an excellent opportunity to learn more about what teachers do and whether or not they have the potential for meeting this professional challenge. This opportunity comes in the form of the Kansas Future Teacher Academy sponsored by Emporia State University and Dodge City Community College.

Now in its 20th year, the academy will be held at two locations and dates to accommodate summer schedules and geographical distance. June 14-18 at ESU and TBD at DCCC.

Current sophomores and juniors (and seniors at the Dodge City Academy) selected to participate will be students who have already demonstrated academic scholarship, leadership skills, and interest in professional education.

Postmark deadline for submission of the application is March 20, 2009. You may visit the website to download an application or see Mrs. McClelland. www.emporia.edu/jones/kfts/application.pdf

Is Your Teen Ready for a Job?

Your teenager comes home from school and declares he wants to flip burgers at the neighborhood fast-food joint. He says he needs money for CDs, clothes and to buy his own car.

Is this a step to maturity or a slip toward lower grades, inadequate sleep and a constricted social life? How do you talk with your child to help him make the right choice about taking a job? And how do you maintain the communication needed to assure he manages job, school and social time wisely if he goes to work?

Nearly every teen can benefit from job experience. But there are risks you must assess.

The benefits:

*A teenager's job can teach work skills that will serve him well in college and prepare him for careers in adulthood.

*He can acquire confidence, develop a sense of responsibility and feel more independent.

*Studies find that students who work a moderate amount—no more than 10 to 15 hours a week during the school year—tend to earn higher grades than those who don't work at all.

*Earning money will enable him to buy things he wants and will provide an opportunity for learning responsible money management.

*If you and your spouse work outside the home, an after-school job can give him adult supervision in those crucial afternoon hours.

*The right job—or jobs—may expose him to new work possibilities and set him on the path to a lifetime career.

K-State at Salina Day

College of Technology and Aviation

January 29, 2009 at 10:00a.m

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