2006 - 2007 Nontraditional Careers Conference Grant
Carl D Perkins Vocational Technical Education Act of 1998
Nontraditional Annual Report

Metropolitan Community College
Accomplishments

“Exploring Nontraditional Careers” was the theme of the 2006-2007 Nontraditional grant. Omaha metro area high schools had the opportunity this year to explore the following hands-on Non-Traditional careers:

- Culinary Arts
- Occupational Therapy
- Nursing
- Architecture
- Engineering
February 23-24, 2007, twenty-three teams from area high schools competed in Metropolitan Community College, Ron Sailors, Invitational. The invitational showcased the culinary and academic talents of high school students participating. This year's high school teams representing Bellevue East, Bellevue West, Benson, Bryan, Northwest, Omaha Career Center, Papillion LaVista, Papillion LaVista South competed. The invitational was composed of two contests, the hospitality knowledge bowl and the culinary skills competition.
Introductory Flyer

save the date


Ron Sailer High School Culinary Invitational
build your team.

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<td><strong>Who:</strong> Open to all high school students</td>
<td>11/29/06 Intent to Participate Due</td>
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<td><strong>What:</strong> Culinary Knowledge and Skill Competitions</td>
<td>12/12/06 Introductory &amp; Mentor Meeting</td>
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<td><strong>Why:</strong> Expand your palate Advance your skills Build your team</td>
<td>1/15/07 Registration Packet Due</td>
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Event Management

A-Z Concierges
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February 23, 2007

3:00 – 5:00 pm  Fort Omaha Campus  Registration
4:30 – 5:30 pm  Fort Omaha Campus  Pizza & Ice Cream
5:30 pm  Fort Omaha Campus  Pre-Competition
6:00 – 8:00 pm  Fort Omaha Campus  Ron Sailors Hospitality Knowledge Bowl
February 24, 2007

9:00 – 6:00 pm   Fort Omaha Campus   Ron Sailors Culinary Competition
                 Flight #1 – 9–11:30 am
                 Flight #2 – 11:45 am – 2:15 pm
                 Flight #3 – 2:30 – 5 pm

10:00 – 3:00 pm   Fort Omaha   Culinary Demonstrations & Exhibitions

6:30 – 7:00 pm   Fort Omaha   Awards & Recognitions
On April 2 & 3, 2007, area high school students, who were enrolled in MCC’s Bridge to Success learning community, participated in a special opportunity to explore non-traditional careers.

High school students met with engineering students at the University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL). UNL students currently enrolled in the engineering, architecture, and nursing programs spoke to the Bridge to Success students regarding the career options.

The UNL students discussed the high school classes they should enroll in, the importance of good grades, and the salary discrepancies between traditional and non-traditional careers.
Advisory Committee

Committee members consist of Single Parent staff, the YWCA, Omaha High School Counselors, and the Omaha Public School Career Center.

MCC personnel met with each organization to discuss and plan the Culinary Arts Invitational and the Bridge to Success Nontraditional Career exploration events. Each organization was asked to assist in advertising the event via posters and daily announcements.
Recommendation
for the Future

Some student participants have experienced difficulty with transportation to and from the event. Laidlaw bus service would eliminate these concerns.

Advertising the event should begin in December as opposed to January. This would allow schools more time to inform students, practice their entrees and prepare for the food knowledge bowl competition.