

CAREER COUNSELOR CORNER



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Helping Our Students Get Ready to Launch

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"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

CAREER CONVERSATIONS AT HOME

In our last edition, we shared numerous summer camp opportunities for students. We wanted to continue that discussion and share additional career readiness options. Many are free and require minimal investment of time. In addition, they offer chances for students to learn more about themselves, understand the world of work, connect to community resources, and continue career conversations at home. As you continue to work on your summer planning, consider some of the following activities to help continue both career exploration and career development:

Virtual or In Person Field Trips/ College Visits: Consider scheduling an in person or virtual trip to a local college, training center, or museum for a day dedicated to learning. Check out [YouVisit.com](https://www.youvisit.com) for a listing of virtual college tours. Feel free to call local museums or visit their websites for visit information.

Online Career Focused Groups (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, or Youtube) There are many groups, pages, or blogs dedicated to a specific career fields. Following or joining a page is an easy way for students to learn about a day in the life of a particular profession, get connected with a professional, and organizations of support.

Taking college classes in the summer Many colleges open their doors to younger students for enrichment opportunities during the summer months. Teens may decide to take an advanced math course or explore coursework that's not available at their local high school. Some high schools may give students credit for this coursework, but speak with your child's counselor to confirm.

Informational Interviews give us an opportunity to talk with professionals about the work they do and learn more about both their educational and professional path. Talking with neighbors, relatives, and family friends about their work will give students a head start and a better understanding of the world of work. Here are some sample [Questions To Ask During An Informational Interview](#). Your child may want to select a few of them for a 30 minute informational meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities Volunteering is a great way to connect with others in the community, network, and explore the world of work. Check out the following websites for both in person or virtual volunteer opportunities:

- [VolunteerMatch](#)
- [ShareDetroit.org](#)
- [United Way of Southeastern Michigan](#)



WELLNESS CORNER: DON'T BE AFRAID TO MOVE FORWARD

Transitioning from high school brings about momentous changes. Days, once structured by the sound of bells signaling movement to the next class, will end. You will cross over an invisible line into adulthood, but may not feel like an adult, just yet.

You have spent 18 years learning, listening, trying, failing, growing, and following. Soon, you may be placed in situations where your normal go-to person is not by your side. Who will you turn to? At times it may seem as if you are alone in this big world, but you are not. John Donne, an English poet wrote, "No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main..."

You are going to be a piece of a new continent. Whether that continent is a college, university, training center or construction site...you have become a part of .a new organization or group. It's understandable that there may be some nervousness or fear, but it doesn't have to be debilitating. You are not alone on an island, you are surrounded by opportunities to connect with others for support, social development, skill development, and so much more. Here are some tips for entering your next chapter, with calm, confidence, and ease:

- 1. Check emails often and respond in a timely manner.** Institutions are still using email correspondence as their primary way to communicate. Whether it's from an employer or instructor, you may miss opportunities which can even be costly. Get into the habit of reading your emails at the same time, every day.
- 2. Sign up for any digital newsletters and follow the organization on social media.** Activities, meetings, events, and other opportunities to meet new people are usually posted online. Being aware of events will offer opportunities to learn more about the organization and connect with others with similar interests and goals.
- 3. Get familiar with resources.** New employees may review the employee handbook and talk with human resources about staff supports and benefits. New students, could visit the campus welcome center, financial aid office, admissions office, or career center. An answer is a phone call, step, or email away. Student services can also prove beneficial. Some postsecondary institutions offer tutoring, proofreading, counseling, computer access, exercise space, printing and additional services for students.
- 4. Use a planner early and often.** Staying organized is essential as you embark on adulthood. Writing down deadlines, creating a daily to-do list, and completing those tasks could help reduce anxiety and help improve confidence in a new setting.
- 5. Stay Connected with Supportive Family and Friends.** Staying connected with family and friends can provide a source of support during adjustments. They will enjoy learning about new adventures and be able to offer a listening ear and advice, when needed.

CELEBRATE PROFESSIONAL TRADES MONTH



May is **Professional Trades Month** in Michigan. Many businesses require highly skilled workers to fill a multitude of trades in health care, construction, manufacturing and service industries. We rely on these professionals to fix our cars, install plumbing, build our homes, draw our blood, and make sure our computer networks run efficiently. Many of these in-demand jobs do not require a four-year degree; some short-term certifications take less than a year to complete. Professional trades will account for nearly 530,000 jobs in the Michigan economy through 2028, and approximately 47,000 job openings are expected annually in the state during this time.



Professional Trades offer a chance for high-skill, high-paid jobs within in-demand career fields. Resources like [Going PRO in Michigan](#) and the [Wayne RESA Workforce Development Initiative's Database](#) highlight short-term certifications and stackable credentials. They not only prepare students to be successful in the professional trades, they guide them towards realistic, obtainable first steps towards a successful, high-paid career.



On May 11th, [LTM](#) (LiUNA Training of Michigan) joins Wayne RESA's Ready to Launch Career Counselors for a [virtual session detailing their apprenticeship training](#) available for students to become licensed Construction Craft Laborers. This is an open opportunity to start your career in a high-pay, high skill, in-demand field. If you like working with your hands and are interested in earning a wage & benefits while you learn, follow the above links to learn more.

Going **PRO**
IN MICHIGAN

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WAYNE **RESA** SERVICE
LEADERSHIP
COLLABORATION
EXCELLENCE
Leading... Learning for All
Workforce Development

STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO PURSUE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WORKFORCE & APPRENTICESHIPS

In the most recent Career Chat, Wayne RESA Career Counselors invited students to hear about direct to work & apprenticeship opportunities directly from local business leaders, trades professionals and postsecondary program advisors.

Students learned about industry credentialing, pay & benefits, and postsecondary options where students can earn money while they learn & build their skills. These opportunities give students a chance to learn while avoiding college debt. Thank you to all of our presenters. See their contact information by clicking on the resource page link below.



WAYS TO GET STARTED IN YOUR CAREER FIELD WITH DIRECT EMPLOYMENT OR AN APPRENTICESHIP

- Explore career fields with the resources below
- Talk to your School Counselor to consider a CTE class or program for next year
- Watch career videos on [Career One Stop](#) to see a first-hand look at careers that are new to you
- Create a resume
- Talk with someone who works in a career field you're interested in

DIRECT TO WORK & APPRENTICESHIP CAREER RESOURCES:

[EXPLORE CAREER VIDEOS](#)

[DIRECT TO WORK & APPRENTICESHIP CAREER CHAT RESOURCE PAGE](#)

[MICHIGAN CAREER OUTLOOK](#)

[JOB OPENINGS - MICHIGAN TALENT CONNECT](#)

POSTSECONDARY SUCCESS TIPS: JOB SEARCH SUCCESS

If you're looking to start your job search for the summer, in between high school and college, or you're looking for that first professional role, there are several great steps that you can take to increase your chances of success. Here are three:

Write A Quality Resume

Your resume is your professional marketing document. It provides a summary of your knowledge, skills and experience. As a high school graduate, quantity is far less important than quality. It's understandable to not have a lot of work experience at 18 years old. You still want good content. You will want to create sections for education, skills, work experience, and extracurricular activities. It's important to include anything you've done that can help an employer see your work ethic, knowledge, skills, and value.

SUCCESS TIPS: Whenever you're actively applying for employment and sending resumes online take the extra step to customize the resume to the position. Build the resume using an ATS-friendly (resume reading software) template such as those offered by [Jobscan](#). Try to incorporate the skills and qualities they're requesting in the resume. Lastly, always proofread for errors. Utilize free resume review services like that of [Get Schooled](#).

Begin Networking

The fastest way into your next role is not a job board, believe it or not. It comes through a conversation with someone of influence. Research shows that about [85% of jobs are filled through networking](#). So what is networking? Simply put, it is building relationships that can lead to career opportunities.

SUCCESS TIPS: Write down everyone you know and begin reaching out to them, informing them of your upcoming job search. They may be willing to introduce you to their contacts, who may have great job leads. Lastly, join a professional networking platform, like [LinkedIn](#), to find great people in your area who are in the roles you aspire to be in.

Tap Into Free Resources

Throughout Wayne County there are many great skill-building and job search resources. So many students have access to incredible free services through their local Michigan Works Office or your local library.

SUCCESS TIPS: If you are currently residing in Detroit, utilize many of the great career development resources available to youth through [Grow Detroit's Young Talent](#). If you're residing in the Metro-Detroit area you can apply for youth program services through [SEMCA](#). There are so many incredible options such as virtual career fairs and webinars to learn, network, and build job search skills. You can find more information through their [Events](#) page.

FINANCIAL AID NEWS FOR JUNIORS

It's time for our juniors to get a head start on their financial aid planning. Here are some steps recommended for rising seniors and their families:

- **CREATE AN FSA ID** - Your FSA ID acts as a username and password for your financial aid application. Separate FSA IDs are required for parents/guardians and students. Go [here](#) to create your FSA ID and store it in a safe place.
- Curious about how much financial aid assistance your student could be eligible for? Use the [Federal Student Aid Estimator](#) to estimate your student's financial aid.
- **ADD OCTOBER 1st** to your calendar. This is the date that the FAFSA 2023-2024 application will become available. Class of 2023 graduates should complete the FAFSA application for the year they'll first be enrolled in college or trade school.
- **GET STARTED ON THE FAFSA.** [This page](#) includes the 'How to Fill Out the FAFSA Form' video and 'Gathering the Documents Needed to Apply' list. A perfect resource to assist you to begin the FAFSA.
- **EXPLORE SCHOLARSHIPS** - Scholarship awards often run in cycles and occur annually. Read your school's local scholarship board or website for annual scholarships regularly. Also, check out [MI Student Aid Scholarship Best Practices](#) for more information.



FREE EMPLOYABILITY WORKSHOPS

[SEMCA Michigan Works!](#) offers virtual employability workshops for all Wayne County Residents. These events are **live** and free to the public. Some workshop topics include: **Success in the workplace, Resume Writing 101, Time Management, Financial Literacy, Organizational Skills, Cover Letter Writing, and so much more.** To learn more about these workshops or to register and join in from the comfort of your home, click [here](#) or visit <https://www.semca.org/events/>

WAYNE RESA 2022 VIRTUAL EVENT



Construction Apprenticeships: A Virtual Information Hour

May 11th | 6 P.M.
[Click here to Register](#)



Do you want to work with your hands?

Want to start making \$13 an hour right out of high school?

Like the idea of gaining skills and starting to build your construction career?

More than 7.5 million jobs projected by 2026!

Join us as the LiUNA Training of Michigan (LTM) presents a virtual construction apprenticeship hour for students and their parents. LiUNA is the Laborers' International Union of North America.

If you are interested in the Construction Industry, this event will provide information on starting your career. Juniors & Seniors will learn about an upcoming in-person, hands-on training session in June.

- Parents and students can ask questions and learn about an apprenticeship in the construction trades.
- Juniors & Seniors can register for an in-person event in June at the LTM training center in Wayne, MI.
- A first step in learning about careers in the construction industry.



Hosted by Wayne RESA Career Counselors





SUMMER TRADES CAMP

Powered by the Carpenter's Union

For residents of Wayne & Oakland Counties & City of Detroit

Ages 14 - 17
Detroit

Camp Dates
6/27-8/19

Limited Spots
Available

Monday-
Thursday
Half Days



Highlights

- Paid work experience
- Exposure to in demand skills
- Hands-on training for all construction skilled trades
- Obtain Carpentry pre-apprenticeship hours

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VIRTUAL POSTSECONDARY SUCCESS SERIES



SESSION 1: ELEVATE FINANCIAL AID MASTERY

In this session we will elevate your understanding of the FAFSA, your student aid report, and great ways to save money when pursuing a degree or trade. We'll also cover last minute admissions steps.



SESSION 2: ELEVATE FINANCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

In this session we will elevate your knowledge of personal finance, budgeting, and how to have a winning mindset with money.



SESSION 3: ELEVATE ACADEMIC SUCCESS SKILLS

This is a must attend session for those starting school in the fall. We will elevate your ability to handle coursework, manage your time, and navigate academic resources.



SESSION 4: ELEVATE CAREER CLARITY & DIRECTION

Are you still stressing about finding a career path? In this session we help elevate your sense of direction with your career choices.



SESSION 5: ELEVATE WORKFORCE READINESS

Looking for employment and want to elevate career readiness? In this session, we cover topics like the skills employers want, professionalism, and job search tips.

AUGUST 2022

DATES AND REGISTRATION COMING SOON!



CAREER EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **LTM - LiUNA Training of Michigan**
Virtual Construction Apprenticeship Session
 - 5/11 - [Register here to learn more about the Construction Craft Laborers' Apprenticeship](#)
- **Smith Group Exploring Post - In Person Workshops**
For more information & to register, [click here](#)
 - 5/10 - Electrical Engineering & Lighting Design
 - 5/18 - Mechanical & Plumbing Engineering
- **Livonia Police Department Open House**
 - 5/12 @ 6pm - Police Service Aid Positions
To reserve your spot, email: recruitment@livoniapd.com
- **Graduating Seniors:** Would you like to receive **Summer Support and meet with a Summer Step Coach** to discuss topics such as Admissions, Applications, FAFSA, Financial Aid, Financial Planning, Housing, Transportation, Meal Plans and other enrollment transitions? Use this [link](#) to register and someone from the program will contact you.
- There are still summer camp opportunities available! Please be sure to check out opportunities in your community or review some options here: [Summer Camp Opportunities 2022!](#)
- **Great Lakes Water Authority Student Internship Program**
 - Pre-Apprenticeship Program available to graduating seniors, 18 or older as of June 30th
 - For more information & to register for the information session, email Adino May at adino.may@glwater.org



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