

DVR Student Services Mid-Year Report 2013-2014

Sarah VenHorst (Oak Park & River Forest High School)

- Programs of Study ongoing discussions with Phil Prale
- 4th Annual Career Exploration Fair (preparation and reconfiguration)
- Junior group guidance meetings including Naviance “Do What You Are” review and future planning
- Field Trip to Auto Show with Auto Tune-up and Advanced Auto classes
- Freshman TCT (Teacher Collaboration Team) pre-planning for PSAE testing day to include introduction to Naviance and completion of “Do What You Are”; additional career related activities TBD
- Promotion and registration for Triton Dual Credit Courses
- Cosmetology Club implementation and supervision

Amy Paulus (PMSA)

- PULSE program (Proviso United with Loyola Students for Educational Enrichment)
- Formal Career Cruising lesson with sophomores; used as supplemental tool for juniors and seniors
- Military lunch visits throughout the year
- Promote University of Illinois’ RAP program
- Promote Triton College Dual Credit classes for all students
- Meet with juniors and seniors on a regular basis to discuss post-secondary goals

Marijana Uremovic (West Leyden)

- Coordinated an in school field trip with Triton's Allied Health program. Triton presented the program to approximately 50 medical career and anatomy students.
- Presented a career unit to all sophomore students. We used PLAN scores, transcripts, and Naviance’s Career profiler as a starting point for their post-secondary pathways exploration.
- Serving as a member on the Accounting Advisory Council.
- All juniors took the Naviance Career Cluster Finder and explored possible pathways.
- Worked on Leyden's Career Fair planning committee.
- Gave a presentation to all seniors interested in pursuing paths other than 4 year colleges. Highlighted certificate programs, associate degrees, trade schools, and military.
- Member of district Naviance Planning Committee.
- Attended Project Lead the Way Conference

Linda Alvarez (Proviso West)

- Guidance presentations discussing vocational topics (i.e. career exploration, career planning, setting goals, job application process, resume writing, setting goals, etc.)
- Career workshops (have speakers present from different career clusters)
- Career Cruising workshops for freshmen-seniors
- Implementation of Individual Learning Plans Senior meetings to discuss future college or career goals (at least 4xs during the year)
- Career interest surveys
- Ongoing informational sessions during lunch periods (i.e. UPS, Army, National Guard, Navy, etc.)
- Career fair
- Counselors met with students regarding grade level testing (Explore, PLAN, ACT/PSAE) and discussed world of work wheel and work keys.
- Teachers check out various careers DVD's and present them in class.
- Loyola health care program (H prep)

Mike Reingruber (Riverside-Brookfield)

- Freshman: Career Interest profiler and Career Clusters
- Sophomores: Do What You Are
- Both grade levels fill out an information sheet that the counseling department put together, guiding them through the results.

Alison Till (Elmwood Park)

- January-speaker came in to discuss non-traditional careers
- February-Annual Career Fair with 41 representatives and 2 speakers for the junior and senior class.
- Plan to meet with sophomore class to introduce Naviance and fill out career inventories.

Jim Gyori (Ridgewood)

At Ridgewood High School we aligned Naviance tools to specific age groups.

NAVIANCE TIMELINE:

- Freshman year, complete **CAREER INTEREST PROFILER**
- Sophomore year, complete **GAME PLAN** and **PERSONALITY TYPE**
- Junior year, complete **COLLEGES I AM THINKING ABOUT**
- Senior year, complete **COLLEGES I AM APPLYING TO**

Our major career related push was to revamp our Career Fair format. This year we used career data gathered from our freshman and sophomore classes through Naviance to see which careers students are most interested in seeing represented at the Career Fair. We also added three different break-out speaker presentations that opened each period. Teachers and students alike, enjoyed this added option of listening to a guest speaker prior to visiting with the vendors. These speakers included: **Career Outlook:** Sara Dahms, from Concordia University will be present information on current and future employment trends and what students should be considering as they research careers that they are interested in. **Computerized Numerical Control:** Tim Fenner and Daniel Hodap from BIR discussed CNC careers. Computer Controlled Machines create the vast majority of consumer products, from cars and iPods, to toothbrushes and televisions. Computerized Manufacturing is also known as CNC, Computerized Numerical Control. **Health Careers:** Toni Johnsen from Triton College (Health Careers Specialist) discussed Health Careers in general. With the aging of the "Baby Boomers" health careers continue to be a growing field. Toni Johnson from Triton College will discussed the great opportunities that exist and will continue to grow in the health fields.

East Leyden (EmilyWine)

- “Junior Career Focus” presentations to junior class, including Naviance Career Cluster Finder survey (Part 1 in October, Part 2 in February)
- Optional one-on-one follow up meetings with juniors to discuss career options
- One-on-one interviews with seniors to discuss goals after high school and how to plan effectively
- Field trip to Triton with 30 Special Education Students
- Career Fair
- Senior class post-secondary planning group presentation
- Member of district Naviance Planning Committee

Triton(Christine Dewey & Izabela Zurawska)

- Triton Future Focus
- Efforts to increase enrollment
- Visiting high schools for increased exposure whether it be through classes or College Visits
- Fall Family Fun Fest
- Open Houses
- College Fair
- Promotion of specific programs especially the Dual Credit programs available through the high schools