

DVR Student Services Mid-Year 2020-21

Career Based Activities Multiple Schools Participated in:

- The following schools administered the “Do What You Are” Personality Inventory, thru Naviance to either Freshman or Sophomore students: Oak Park River Forest, Proviso East, Riverside Brookfield, and Ridgewood
- The following schools administered the “Career Cluster Finder” and/or “Career Interest Profiler” thru Naviance to either Freshman or Sophomores: Oak Park River Forest, Proviso West, Proviso East, Ridgewood
- The following schools have completed or are in the process of completing a career fair: Elmwood Park, Ridgewood, Proviso East,
- All schools promote Triton College Dual Credit programs.
- All schools meet (in person or zoom)with their students to discuss post-secondary goals and options including career and work options.
- All schools participate in Special Education annual reviews, focusing on class selection and involvement to support career goals.
- All schools in the DVR District attended the DVR School Alliance Workshop in October via Zoom.
- All schools are starting to receive training on the PACE Framework and College/Career Readiness

Other Items Unique to Each School:

East Leyden (Emily Alexenko)

- Junior Jump Start is an evening geared towards all juniors and their families. We have speakers, in both Spanish and English, representing all possible pathways from 4 year college to the military and trades.
- All Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors took YouScience, which combines objective measures of aptitudes (natural abilities most important to career choice) with interests to match talent with best-fit, in-demand careers.
- Counselor virtual mini-lessons offered throughout the year, with many topics focusing on careers and pathways

Elmwood Park (Alison Till)

- All students 9-12 completed the Career Interest Survey through ILCIS
- Partnered with Technology Center of Dupage for students to explore career options/pathways

Oak Park River Forest (Brandi Ambrose)

- The Junior Class TCT team hosts a Post-Secondary Planning evening for families interested in community college access
- Added an HBCU college exploration week for students who may not have had this area of search available to them
- Enrolled students in Ms. Robert’s Beauty Academy and will continue to offer this seniors
- Cosmetology and Barbering Courses offered.
- Admin. Exploring UScience Program
- Hosting Career Callers Monthly
- Enrolled students in Concordia University and Dominican University for Undergraduate Education
- Course: Pathways to Teaching
- Second year of having a Post-Secondary Career Counselor (Sarah Wurster)
- Created a Student Helpdesk Course which includes an Internship component

- Created Intro to Health Careers and Intro to Patient Care courses taught by our school nurse

Proviso East (Linda Alvarez)

- Work with their students on additional Naviance lessons including Resume Builder, Game Plan, Strengths Explorer and Learning Styles using TEAMS, pushing into the classrooms.
- Weekly announcements regarding college and careers
- Academy expo for Freshman
- Freshman declare academy for their academic pathway.
- Enrolled students in Ms. Robertson Beauty Academy and Erskine Reeves Barber Academy for Junior and Seniors.
- Parent University Presentations.
- Personalized Competency- Base Education (PCBE) is implemented with 9th, 10th, 11th grade
- Implemented the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program for the 2020-2021 School year
- “Coffee and Conversation” videos to assist parents and students on school websites.

Proviso Math and Science Academy (Stephanie Nix)

- Promote their PULSE Program (Proviso United with Loyola Students for Educational Enrichment)
- Promote University of Illinois RAP Program
- Promotes Research Mentorship Program
- Conducted needs assessment with each department

Proviso West (Nikki Mejstrik)

- Guidance Presentations discussing vocational topics (i.e. career exploration, career planning, setting goals, job application process, resume writing, etc.)
- Implement individual Learning Plans at Senior Meetings to Discuss Career Goals
- Loyola Health Care Program (H Prep).
- Parent University career presentation
- Sponsored 3 day college visits--partnered with introspect to bring students to college campuses.
- Hosted Career info fair
- Increased Triton College Dual Credit Enrollment

Ridgewood (Jim Gyori)

- All Freshman select a career pathway (either Arts & Science or Business & Technology) based on their Xello career profile. This is done in their English classes.
- All Sophomores follow up with their career pathway which is used to select their electives going into Junior and Senior years.
- RHS offers cohorts in Education through NEIU, Manufacturing through TMA, Criminal Justice through Triton College, Automotive through Triton College.
- 200 students participated in Triton’s Career Exploration virtual fall field trip.

Riverside Brookfield (Mike Reingruber)

- After completing Do What You Are and the Career Interest Profiler, students complete an information sheet they go over with their counselor, detailing their career interests and college majors they may want to explore for that career.
- A few faculty members and board members have started conversations about how to provide more opportunities and information to students interested in the trades.

West Leyden (Marijana Uremovic)

- -Had a week where there were numerous breakout sessions for seniors including trade-schools and other non-college post secondary options.
- -Completed a pre-recorded--Junior Jump Start is an evening geared towards all juniors and their families. We have speakers, in both Spanish and English, representing all possible pathways from 4 year college to the military to trades.
- -Planning for all students to take the YouScience assessment, many have completed the YouScience Brain Game.