

GO BEYOND

The official newsletter of Work-Based Learning at PSD

Why Work-Based Learning?

Work-based learning (WBL) provides students with real-life experiences where they can apply academic and technical skills and develop their employability. WBL merges theory with practice; it bridges the gap between learning and doing.

What are the benefits of Work-based Learning for students?

- WBL **connects** classroom learning to the real world
- WBL gives students opportunities to **practice** skills in real-world scenarios
- WBL helps students **develop** soft skills
- WBL gives students a chance to **observe** professionals in action
- WBL helps students **network** with professionals and potential employers in their field

What are the benefits of Work-based Learning for the community?

- WBL builds a more robust pool of skilled workers
- WBL teaches soft skills (so employers don't have to)
- WBL lowers recruitment costs for employers
- WBL strengthens community partnerships
- WBL helps close the skills gap

At the high school level in PSD, students have the opportunity to experience a continuum of activities that occur, in part or in whole, in the workplace - providing learning with hands-on, real-world experience.

9th - 12th Grade

- Participate in Monthly Career Tours: visit local businesses to learn about various careers
- Resume/interviewing help and updated jobs in Fort Collins (16+)
- Complete career exploration activities in [Xello](#) including the Personality & Matchmaker assessments

10th - 12th Grade

- Fall/Summer Hiring Fairs
- Join WBL (PaCE) to earn school credit for working/volunteering (max of 40 elective credits possible)

10th Grade

- Work with your WBL Coordinator to find and apply for Internships and Apprenticeships for junior/senior year

11th Grade

- Work with your WBL Coordinator to find and apply for Internships and Apprenticeships for senior year

ACE Mentor Internship Program



The [National ACE Mentor](#) Internship program has accepted 47 PSD students representing FCHS, FRHS, RMHS, PHS, and Poudre Global Academy into the 2020-21 internship cohort, more than double the participation since PSD first began participating. The ACE program, founded in 1994, was designed to attract high school students into pursuing careers in Architecture, Construction, and Engineering, including skilled trades.

Over the course of 17 weeks, volunteer industry professionals will mentor teams of students, which are set up to emulate an actual design team, through a 60-hour simulation to plan and design a mock project on a real site, introducing them to the careers, industry vocabulary, and various roles companies play in the design and build industries. This year's project is to design the Bucking Horse Park in Fort Collins. Students will earn school credit through WBL-Engineering or WBL-Construction. This year's volunteer mentors for PSD are professionals from the following Northern Colorado civil engineering, architecture, and landscape architecture firms: Northern Engineering, Norris Design, Clark Enersen, Lamp Rynearson, and Raker Rhodes Engineering. Check back in the Spring to see what PSD students accomplish!

Futures Lab Virtual Info Event

The Futures Lab team is excited to invite you to learn more about the opportunities available for the 2021-22 school year. The Lab offers a unique, experiential learning environment that works alongside your existing high school schedule. We are offering an on-demand info event that will launch the week of **January 25, 2021**. In addition to videos featuring our team and our current learners, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a one-on-one chat with a member of our team who can answer your specific questions.

If you have any questions about the Lab, please reach out to us directly. Our team is excited to meet you and we look forward to welcoming you and your learner to our community for the 2021-22 school year!



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Virtual Career Tours

MANUFACTURING - VIDEOS OF NOCO BUSINESSES

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT - CAREER/JOB SHADOW VIDEOS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 12/13 - VIRTUAL I4E EXPLORATION DAY, INSTITUTE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP, CSU

JANUARY 25 - FUTURES LAB VIRTUAL INFO WEEK

JANUARY 28 - FRCC CAREER PATHWAYS INFO SESSION

JANUARY/FEBRUARY - CTE CLASS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FEBRUARY 5 - FRCC CAREER PATHWAYS APPLICATIONS DUE

FEBRUARY 9/10 - VIRTUAL I4E EXPLORATION DAY, INSTITUTE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP, CSU

FEBRUARY 19 - UNC'S FUTURE TEACHER CONFERENCE (VIRTUAL)



UNC

Future Teacher Conference

Interested in teaching? Join us for the (free!) sixth annual Future Teacher Conference on February 19, 2021

This year, the Future Teacher Conference is going virtual. Spend the day with high school and community college students and learn from experienced educators and current UNC students about what it is like to be a teacher and how to prepare yourself for a career in education.

Presentations and workshops will include information and perspectives from current pre-service teachers (UNC students), early career teachers, veteran educators and UNC faculty/administration. A special session for your parents too! To learn more about topics covered, visit UNC's [website](#).

Students, parents and teachers can register [here!](#)



FRCC Career Pathway Programs

Automotive Technology & Service
Welding and Metal Fabrication

2021-2022 APPLICATION PROCESS

Deadline to apply: Friday, February 5th!

- Step #1 - Complete the Application: <https://bit.ly/frccpathway>.
- Step #2 - Complete your Xello lessons
- Step #3 - Meet with your counselor



Scan the QR Code or see your Counselor for more info!

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