

## **THE VIEW FROM HERE**

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How best to prepare for tomorrow? What will I be when I enter the work force? These are common questions asked by high school students in the Poynette School District and across our nation. Becoming familiar with as many career paths as possible is one of the goals of the Career Day that was held in the Poynette High School on March 14th. Over fifty presenters help make this an interesting and informative opportunity for our students.

Sandy Drew, Business Education Teacher and Julie Cross, Family and Consumer Education Teacher, coordinate Career Day that takes place every other year. It is held in the High School classrooms and all of the high school students sign up in advance to attend four sectionals. Each presentation is thirty minutes in length.

Some of the Career Day presenters are parents of our students or acquaintances of school staff members. Many occupations are represented including the Health Field; Law Enforcement; Banking ; Education; Auto Body and Auto Mechanics; Conservation; Plumbing; Technology; Tourism; Sales; Veterinary Medicine; Fine Arts; Business and Trucking.

I am always impressed by the sincerity of the people who make presentations to students at Career Days. They truly take pride in their life's work and the students benefit greatly from the information they receive as well as from the opportunity to ask questions and enter into a conversation with the presenters. Short of job shadowing, Career Day is likely the best opportunity that a student has to truly understand an occupation that is of interest.

The skills that our students will be expected to possess as they enter an occupation may be different than they were a few short years ago. The pace of change in our society is rapid, and it shows no sign of slowing down. Technology not only facilitates change but it demands that our students are able to use it effectively.

I wish to express my thanks to Sandy Drew and Julie Cross for their leadership in making the Career Day an important educational opportunity for our students. In addition, I wish to thank each of the presenters. Without their participation and expertise, Career Day could not be held.