

I'm Outta Here... But Where Am I Going?????

Conference for Seniors

La Crosse County
Transition Advisory Council,
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La Crosse CountyTAC Team, CESA #4



A collaboration of local
schools and
agencies.

- Bob Greene (CESA #4),
Western Technical College,
Independent Living Resources,
DVR, Riverfront, La Crosse
County Human Services,
Bangor, La Crosse, Holmen,
Onalaska, West Salem High
Schools, and parent, Mary
Bahr.

How did this come together?

- Our goal was to provide local students with the opportunity to attend a conference just for them that would assist them in independent, adult life, for work or school.
- Topics based on perceived student need.
- We dedicated 6 meetings to the planning.
- Western Technical College and UWL offered us the use of the Health Sciences Building during their Spring Break.

Daily Schedule

- Students began arriving at 8:30 a.m.
- Sessions started at 9 am and went until noon.
- Students could visit vendors before the start or in between sessions.
- Lunch was a “working lunch” from noon-1 pm. They ate while watching a fashion show and listening to a student panel of college students.

Vendor Area



Representation from:

- Independent Living
- MTU (local transit)
- Western Technical College
- Aging and Disability Resource Center
- 2-1-1 (Local First Call for Help)
- DVR
- Holmen High School Students:
How to tie a Tie and Dining Etiquette
- Goodwill









4 Break-Out Sessions

Finance and Budgeting Breakout Session




Housing and Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Breakout Session



Employment 101

Breakout Session





On My Own and Doing it Beautifully

Breakout Session



Student Information



- Students rotated sessions that were ½ hour long each.
- 15 minute breaks between each one to visit with vendors.
- Door Prizes – for each vendor visited students were given a ticket to enter into drawings

Wrapping it Up for the Day

“Project What Not to Wear”

- Holmen High School students from the Retail Marketing class presented a fashion show on apparel for work, interviews, social and formal occasions. Students with disabilities were included in the show and planning.

College Student Panel

- Local students with disabilities from Western TC spoke to the high school students about their college and life experiences. Students asked many questions.

“Project What Not to Wear” Fashion Show



Service Learning Students

Costs Incurred

- Food
- Transportation for districts
 - Parking for presenters
 - Miscellaneous supplies
 - Door prizes all donated

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La Crosse County Transition Advisory Council and Western Technical College Present.....

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A Must Attend Conference For Seniors!

For those seniors receiving special education services that will be able to live, work, and go to school fairly independently!

Friday, April 27th
Western Technical College
1800 Highway 50 West
Health Science Center
www.westerncollege.edu/transition
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. tickets
\$200 a seat - \$100 for youth
(Don't like that cost? - nothing but free, lunch)

Students attend all of the following 1/2 hour Seminars

- Do You Own and Own It? (Financial Literacy)
- College Planning and Application
- Financial Aid Information
- Planning, Budgeting and Accommodations
- Lunch provided with a 1 hour "Sign up when you're ready" session and more!

All conference sessions will be located on the 2nd floor
There will be separate sessions in the 2nd floor atrium as well. Bring your 10 minute breaks where students can get tickets for various PRIZES to be given out during lunch.

La Crosse County Transition Advisory Council and Western Technical College are hosting this first ever conference for high school seniors transitioning into the real world! Sign up your 10 students today and attend what promises to be an exciting and educational event!

Please contact Rob Greene at 608.786.4144 with any questions at 608.786.4850 or 608.688.2774. Email him your list of students (with 2 alternatives to highereducation) to him by April 23th. Tickets can start to arrive by 8:30 a.m. and begin the "ticket hunt"

We Reserve the Right to Get Smarter 😊

- Make a clear distinction between the "level" of students for each session.
- Add more sessions for students to choose from instead of being scheduled in.
- Have student input during planning.
- 2 "track" groups – one college bound and one "living on your own with support" bound.

Questions?

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