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DREAM IT. DO IT...HERE

2021 YOUTH CONFERENCE

MARCH 18, 2021

If held as an in-person event OR with a virtual option:

UI Student Union Building (The Commons)

University of Idaho Campus

9:00 am – 2:30 pm

No Cost to Participate

The University of Idaho and the *Dream It. Do It.* partners invite 10th and 11th grade students to our annual conference. This is an opportunity for each student to experience a day of local industry and higher education breakouts exploring future, local career options in manufacturing, health care, skilled trades, technology, transportation, hospitality, legal, local government, natural resources, and finance.

WHAT ABOUT THE PANDEMIC?

DIDI partners are keeping options open until early January 2021. The event will be held. It may be an in-person event, a in-person event with a virtual option, or 100% a virtual event.

WHAT WILL THE DAY BE LIKE?

Each student attendee will participate in four, 30 minute industry sessions and one higher education segment. Dynamic industry representatives will share information on their company or organization, what their job requires, their career path, what they like about their work, and what education is required for their job. At registration, students will select their industry preferences. Our team will do our best to ensure each student has at least one session that matches their interest. Higher education sessions will help students to link to educational pathways that could help them to succeed in occupations needed in the region.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS INVITED:

- Asotin
- Clarkston
- Colfax
- Colton
- Cottonwood
- Culdesac
- Genesee
- Garfield/Palouse
- Highland
- Kahlotus
- Kamiah
- Kendrick
- LaCrosse-Washtucna
- Lapwai
- Lewiston
- Moscow
- Mountain View
- Nezperce
- Oaksdale
- Orofino
- Pomeroy
- Potlatch
- Pullman
- St.John/Endicott
- Salmon River
- Tekoa
- Troy
- Whitepine

Private, charter, and alternative schools in north-central Idaho and southeast Washington are also welcome.

WHAT IS DREAM IT. DO IT.?

The Northwest Intermountain *Dream It. Do It.* Chapter is a local alliance dedicated to recruiting area youth to manufacturing and other valued industries. *Dream It. Do It.* is a youth recruitment strategy developed by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) through its educational arm, The Manufacturing Network.

WHO ARE THE DRIVERS?

The *Dream It. Do It.* Council is responsible for bringing *Dream It. Do It.* to the area and coordinating DIDI activity. The Council is established to better align talent with industry needs. Thirty educational and industry representatives meet quarterly to provide leadership in activities that support the council's mission.

Council representation includes the University of Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, Walla Walla Community College, the Nez Perce Tribe, the Idaho Department of Labor, Eastern Washington Partnership, regional businesses, local school districts, local trade unions, and economic development. Geographically, the region encompasses the Idaho counties of Latah, Lewis, Idaho, Clearwater, and Nez Perce as well as the southeast Washington counties of Whitman, Asotin, and Garfield.

THE REGION'S WORKFORCE

Even with the economic challenges of the last year, it is predicted that our region will have a workforce shortage of approximately 7,900 workers by 2028. Retaining as many of our youth is critical to the future of southeast Washington and north-central Idaho. Our hope is that we can stimulate student interest in educational pathways that circle back into our region.