

# **WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

## **SUMMER EARN AND LEARN (SEAL) CAREER EXPLORATION & MENTORSHIP DAY**

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# WORK-BASED LEARNING

- **AN EDUCATIONAL APPROACH THAT USES THE WORKPLACE TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT WILL HELP THEM CONNECT SCHOOL EXPERIENCES TO REAL-LIFE WORK ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.**
- **THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE MEANT TO ENGAGE, MOTIVATE AND AUGMENT THE LEARNING PROCESS.**
- **THESE WBL OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE DONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT, PUBLIC OR NONPROFIT BUSINESSES.**

# OVERVIEW

## SUMMER EARN AND LEARN (SEAL)

- **SUMMER EARN AND LEARN IS A STATEWIDE WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAM CONDUCTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND THE 28 LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS AROUND THE STATE AND THEIR EMPLOYER PARTNERS.**

# SEAL 2017

- **MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> – AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup> STUDENTS RECEIVED EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TRAINING & PAID WORK EXPERIENCE.**
- **SEAL PRODUCED NEARLY \$300,000 IN SUBSIDIZED EARNINGS FOR STUDENTS.**
- **230 STUDENTS WERE PLACED AT VARIOUS WORKSITES IN ALL INDUSTRIES.**
- **120 EMPLOYERS ACROSS THE GULF COAST REGION PARTICIPATED IN SEAL.**



# SEAL PARTNERSHIPS



# **SEAL 2018**

## **PLAN EARLY WITH ALL PARTNERS**

- **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES**
- **WORKFORCE BOARD/CONTRACTORS**
- **JOB SKILLS TRAINERS**
- **EMPLOYER OF RECORD**

# LESSONS LEARNED

- **NEED TO CONSIDER A WIDER VARIETY OF OTHER INDUSTRIES OR OCCUPATIONS TO ALIGN WITH THE STUDENTS SPECIFIC SKILLS & INTEREST.**
- **IDENTIFY WHICH EMPLOYERS REQUIRE FEDERAL FINGER PRINTING & CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AS THIS COULD DELAY THE PROCESS OF WHEN A PARTICIPANT CAN START WORKING.**

# **OVERVIEW**

## **CAREER EXPLORATION & MENTORSHIP DAY**

- **PROVIDE EDUCATION ABOUT CAREERS IN BUSINESS AS WELL AS GIVE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO MEET BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS ALREADY WORKING IN THEIR FIELD OF INTEREST OR CAREER PATHWAY.**
- **LEARN MENTOR'S ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS AND DAY-TO-DAY DUTIES.**



# CAREER EXPLORATION & MENTORSHIP DAY

- **THIS OPPORTUNITY IS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE VR PROGRAM**
- **A BUSINESS PARTNER AND TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES (TWS-VRS) WILL WORK IN COLLABORATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CAREER EXPLORATION DAY.**
- **EACH BUSINESS PARTNER WILL SELECT THEIR FOCUS AREA ~ STEM, HEALTHCARE, LOGISTICS, ETC....**

# **CAREER EXPLORATION & MENTORSHIP DAY**

- **A FULL DAY WITH STUDENTS AT THE EMPLOYER SITE**
- **THE GOAL IS TO EXPOSE AND EDUCATE STUDENTS ON CORPORATE CAREERS AND THE REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO PURSUE THAT FIELD OF STUDY/DEGREE.**
- **STUDENTS INTERACT WITH BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS AND ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR CAREER OF INTEREST.**

