



GWDB Quarterly Meeting Announcements

March 18, 2020

Below is a list of written announcements that will not be reviewed during this conference call. Please read through the announcements below and follow up with GWDB staff if you have any questions.

Baltimore County Local Workforce Development Board | Networking Event

On April 28, 2020, the Baltimore County Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) will be hosting a Youth Networking Event in Timonium. The networking event is for youth that are being served in the LEAP (Learn, Earn, Achieve, and Progress) program, which is a WIOA funded youth program, to have the opportunity to network with 30 emerging professionals, including LWDB board members. Through this event, youth will gain skills to build confidence, social engagement, and develop real world relationships with professionals. The event will be held at Stella Maris (2300 Dulaney Valley Road, Timonium, MD 21093) in the auditorium from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you or your business is interested in participating in this event, please reach out to Mary Manzoni, Manager of Career Solutions, at mmanzoni@baltimorecountymd.gov.

Career Preparation Expansion Act Report | Webinar

On March 2, 2020, the Maryland Longitudinal Data System (MLDS) hosted a webinar for interested parties and GWDB members on the 2019 Career Preparation Expansion Act Report. This is an annual report required by the Career Preparation Expansion Act of 2018 (SB 978) produced in conjunction with MLDS and the GWDB to provide an analysis of the workforce outcomes of high school students five years after high school graduation, including wages earned, hours worked, and sector of employment. The report groups the cohort of high school graduates based on whether they entered college and received degrees, attempted college but exited without a degree, are still in college, or bypassed college altogether and went straight into the workforce. During the webinar, MLDS provided an in depth analysis of the outcomes, including the wage findings of degree completion (bachelor's, associates, and/or certificate) compared to those who had some college or none, as well as a look at student loans in conjunction with wage outcomes. The impact of college on workforce outcomes is of critical importance and was well highlighted and documented throughout the report and webinar. To watch the recorded webinar, click [here](#). To review the 2019 report, click [here](#).

Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore | JA Inspire

The GWDB attended Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore's JA Inspire event on February 27, 2020. JA Inspire, a hands-on career exploration event held in Ocean City, had over 3,000 eighth grade students from six Maryland counties in attendance. Students got a chance to interact with educators and local businesses to learn more about a variety of career options through engaging and interactive exhibits.

Kennedy Krieger Institute | ROAR for Kids

The Kennedy Krieger Institute's multi-faceted neurodiversity initiative to increase employment outcomes for individuals with neurological differences has launched two innovative programs, Project SEARCH and CORE Foundations. Project SEARCH is a 10-month, transition program for individuals 18 through 24 years of age that provides hands-on job training through integrated worksite rotations, career exploration, innovative adaptations, and mentoring from experienced staff. CORE Foundations provides individuals of all abilities with the opportunity and education to continue developing core skills by developing a customized program in partnership with each individual to support their independence. Kennedy Krieger is holding ROAR for Kids, a 5k run/walk and family festival dedicated to raising funds for Project SEARCH and CORE Foundations. ROAR for Kids will be held April 25, 2020, at 8 a.m. at Oregon Ridge Park. For more information, click [here](#).

Loyola Blakefield | Cyber Challenge & Summit

The GWDB partnered with Loyola Blakefield High School on their third annual Cyber Competition to include a Workforce Summit geared for students, parents, industry partners, and educators. A record number of students in grades 8 through 12 from across Maryland attended the summit and competed in the challenge. The Workforce Summit highlighted a panel of various cybersecurity professionals in order to engage students on the needs across many industry sectors for a future workforce capable of defending against complicated cyber threats. Panelists then held a separate forum with parents and educators to discuss various paths into the cybersecurity field. Panel members included several GWDB members and stakeholders, including: GWDB vice chair Chris Sachse, CEO, ThinkStack; GWDB member Larry Letow, Operating Partner, Interprise Partners; Jeff Smith, Apprenticeship Manager, MD Labor; Brent Campbell, Admissions Team Lead, UMBC Training Centers; Bob Aydukovic, President, Maryland Center for Construction Education & Innovation (MCCEI); Sallie Sweeney, Director Government Cyber, KPMG; Ed Roberts, Outreach & Recruitment Coordinator, CCBC.

SANS Institute | Girls Go CyberStart

Girls Go CyberStart is a fun and interactive online program composed of digital challenges to introduce high school girls to cybersecurity. The GWDB, Maryland Department of Labor (MD Labor), and Maryland State Department of Education have partnered with the SANS Institute to encourage female

students in grades 9 through 12 throughout Maryland to register and participate in this exciting opportunity. The program is made up of three stages, with the first stage of registration and a fun online tryout closing February 14, 2020. Maryland had 687 students from 41 schools register, with 401 qualifying for the next game stage. Out of 50 states and five territories, Maryland is fifth for the highest number of students qualifying for the game stage. The next round is open from February 10 to April 17, 2020, and will consist of a gamified environment where students play as “Cyber Agents” solving digital crimes by gathering information, cracking codes, finding security flaws, and dissecting a cyber criminal’s digital trail. Clubs with the highest overall performance will qualify for the National Championship, taking place April 23 and April 24, 2020. For more information, visit www.girlsgocyberstart.org.