

Learning with Leaders

As an educational nonprofit, our mission at FuturesNW is to level the socio-economic playing field by supporting students from under-served communities to achieve their career and college dreams.

The Learning with Leaders events connect students with in-demand career pathways by providing exploration that focuses on kinesthetic learning experiences. Students will get real-time, tactile training, such as the chance to operate heavy equipment under the guidance of experts, take part in virtual simulations, and engage their potential through touch and movement.

These events will be open to 9th-12th grade students in all Whatcom and Skagit County High Schools. We are expecting approximately 200 students to attend each of the three events next Fall, Winter, and Spring.



Event Goals

To educate students on in-demand career pathways

Provide students with a chance to build social capital and connect with community leaders

Learn a hands-on skill that relates to the work in their desired pathway,

Connect with support services to help students achieve their career and college dreams

A photograph of students in a workshop setting. One student is holding a long, green, balloon-like object, while another student is assisting. They are in a room with whiteboards and other students in the background.

About the Workshops

The intention behind these workshops is for students to explore a career path by hearing *both* from someone in the field, *and* from a college faculty about the pathway options of how to get into that career. These workshops are designed to be interactive and experiential for students, which would include an activity to demonstrate a skill used in that profession.

Each workshop will be co-facilitated by a business professional and a college professor representing the same career sector. This gives students the opportunity to explore a career field from different perspectives, and also provides more social-capital building opportunities.

The events will additionally offer support services in areas such as Financial Aid, scholarships, applications, resume, and an opportunity to talk with admissions reps from our local colleges.

Once all guest facilitators are confirmed, there will be a meeting to gather everyone to plan what each workshop will look like.

Event Dates



27
OCT

Fall 2023 Learning with Leaders

Featuring Healthcare and Information Technology pathways

Location : Whatcom Community College



01
FEB

Winter 2024 Learning with Leaders

Featuring Healthcare and Advanced Manufacturing pathway

Location : Skagit Valley College



21
MAY

Spring 2024 Learning with Leaders

Featuring Advanced Manufacturing/Construction and Technology pathways

Location : Bellingham Technical College



Next Steps



Please fill out this [interest form](#) if you represent one of the featured career sectors (**advanced manufacturing, engineering healthcare, or IT**) and are interested in facilitating a workshop at a LWL event!

Thank you!

We hope you are interested!



Contact Information

Ashby McCoy,
Learning with Leaders
Program Coordinator

Phone:
413-522-4217

Email:
amccoy@futuresnw.org

Website:
<https://www.futuresnw.org/learning-with-leaders>