

LEYDEN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 212

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LEYDEN HOSTS TRADES FAIR AT WEST LEYDEN

District 212 is hosting a Trades Fair for students interested in learning about post-secondary options other than attending a four year college or university. The event will be held on Wednesday, September 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the field house at West Leyden High School, 1000 N. Wolf Rd., Northlake

The fair is free and open to all Leyden students, as well as students attending schools that feed into Triton College. Those high schools include Proviso, Oak Park and River Forest, Ridgewood, Elmwood Park and Riverside Brookfield.

Students interested in beginning a career with post-secondary training will have the opportunity to learn about high-demand, high-wage trades including automotive technology, culinary arts, cosmetology, barber, carpentry, HVAC, health careers, manufacturing and iron works. Hands-on demonstrations will take place on sight, and students will be able to peruse exhibits and talk with representatives.

“The Trades Fair is a way to make sure all students are aware of the rich opportunities out there for skilled workers,” says Frank Holthouse, Director of Career and Community Outreach.

“There is a significant skills gap that leaves some job-seekers unemployed or underemployed while at the same time there is a shortage of qualified workers in these fields. The types of jobs that are represented at the fair command a high wage and are in high demand.”

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The following is a list of trade representatives that will be attending:

- Chicago Regional Carpenters Association
- College of DuPage
- Concare
- Construction Industry Service Corp.
- Empire Beauty School
- Erskine Reeves Barber Academy

- First Five Medical Services
- ICATT Apprenticeship Program
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- Lincoln College of Technology
- Pipefitters Local 597
- Symbol Job Training
- Technology Manufacturing Association
- Triton College - Various Departments

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