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UVBEP Coordinates Job Shadow Day for nearly 700 Eighth Graders

On Wednesday, March 26, nearly 700 eighth grade students from eight schools will shadow workers in the community. The Upper Valley Business and Education Partnership (UVBEP) coordinates Job Shadow Day for: Claremont Middle School, Frances C. Richmond School, Indian River School, Lebanon Junior High School, Lyme School, Rivendell Academy, Thetford Academy and Tunbridge Central School.

Job Shadowing enables youth to observe workplace hosts as they go through a normal day on the job, providing an opportunity to see how skills taught in the classroom are applied beyond school walls. Students can also gain insight on careers they might pursue in the future. One student noted, ““From the very beginning I knew I wanted to go into law. I was thrilled to get the opportunity to shadow a lawyer. I found out how little I know about law! I learned a lot about stuff that, if I continue on the path of politics, I will actually need someday. Having a one-on-one experience with a lawyer was very helpful.”

Over 170 Upper Valley employers are supporting this program by welcoming students into their workplaces. Hosts plan hands-on activities, facility tours and demonstrations to show students what it takes to be successful in their career field. UVBEP provides supporting information, such as job shadowing guidelines, suggested activities and evaluation forms. An employee from a participating workplace said, ““I like to use Job Shadow Day, as well as my involvement in Boy/Cub Scouting, to try to keep a pulse on today's youth as my own kids are grown. It keeps us young at heart! I always enjoy interacting with interested personable youth and find I learn something every time.”

UVBEP is a nonprofit organization serving 30 schools in the greater Upper Valley region of New Hampshire and Vermont. The Partnership facilitates programs that link schools with local employers, including experiential learning and career planning projects for students and professional development activities for educators.

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