



FIRST Robotics Team



Team Ford FIRST® Robotics Invitational was held on October 7th, 2006 at Macomb Community College's Sports and Expo Center. Twenty-eight high school teams from the Detroit area, Flint, Monroe and one team from Kokoma, Indiana competed in the pre-season FIRST Robotics event.

The L'Anse Creuse Public Schools' Team took their robot, along with team members J. Mercer and J. Wilson, to participate. The duo did very well and made it all the way to the finals in the competition.

FIRST Robotics teams consist of professionals working in the field of engineering with high school students to design and build a robot. The competition requires the team to solve an engineering problem in an intense and competitive way. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) started in 1989 by inventor Dean Kamen and the competitions rival high school football games for enthusiasm from both the teams and the audience. Congratulations team and good luck with your season.

The FIRST Robotics team is open to all LCHS, LCN and Pankow students. If you would like to join or for more information contact:

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Visit the FIRST Robotics National website:

<http://www.usfirst.org/about/>

Career Expo set for November 8th

L'Anse Creuse students from grades 6th –12th and members of the community have the opportunity to learn about more than 100 careers from the working professionals at the district's Career Expo 2006. This free event will take place on **Wednesday, November 8, 2006**, from **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the **Frederick V. Pankow Center** located at **24600 F.V. Pankow Boulevard, Clinton Township, MI.**

Visitors will have the opportunity to interact one-on-one with successful professionals who represent a diverse sampling of occupations from Michigan's six Career Pathways: Arts and Communications; Business, Management and Technology; Health Sciences; Engineering/Manufacturing and Industrial Technology; Human Services; and Natural Resources & Agriscience.

The informal format of the Career Expo allows visitors to obtain career information and receive valuable personal insights. Individuals will find helpful information whether they are students exploring a career path or adults who are changing occupations or reentering the workforce. Many careers have already been confirmed to attend and include:

Applied Technology, Attorney (Immigration), Automotive Technician, Biomedical Engineer, Brand Specialist, Business Owner, C.P.A., Carpenter, Chef, Chiropractor, Civil Engineer, Director of Parks and Recreation, EMS, Environmental Engineer, Financial Planner, Floral Designer, Forensic Serologist and Artist, Forester, General Manager, Massage Therapist, Medical Coder / Biller, Medical Director / ER Physician, Medical Technologist, Model, Monster Truck Driver, Mortician, Network Technician, Orthodontist, PC Technical Support Specialist, Physician Assistant / Health Occupations, Police Chief, Police Dispatcher, Police Officer, Professional Video Editor, Project Engineer, Senior Design Engineer, Speech Pathologist, Sr. NVM Engineering, Sr. Technology Consultant, Supervisor - Body Structures / Closers Group Surveyor / Civil Engineer, Systems Development Engineer, Technical Director, Tool and Die Designer, Web Designer / Graphic Artist

For more information contact:

Laura Arnold, Career Pathways Development Specialist at (586) 783-6570 ext. 1323.

Who's Your Tiger?



Students in the Culinary Arts program at the Frederick V. Pankow Center recently showed their support for the Detroit Tigers. Wednesday, October 11th, was "Who's Your Tiger?" day in the student-operated *Creuse Connection Restaurant*. Any patrons that day showing their support by wearing a Detroit Tigers T-Shirt were able to purchase a coney dog for 50 cents. Everyone else was able to purchase a coney dog for the equally inexpensive price of \$1.00, but many staff and students took the opportunity to wear their Tigers garb and get the special pricing. The Culinary Arts program is a two-hour program for high school juniors and seniors interested in working in the hospitality industry or working in Culinary Arts.

For more information about the *Creuse Connection Restaurant* or to see their specials visit:
<http://www.lc-ps.org/Schools/Pankow/CreuseConnection/>

SkillsUSA National Competition

A Richmond High School and Pankow Center student, P. LaRowe, competed at the national level for SkillsUSA in Kansas City over the summer. The national event included a week-long session of workshops, job fairs and ceremonies prior to his competition on Thursday, June 22nd. The competition was entitled First Aid / CPR and included 36 other high school students from around the country from Medical, EMT or Law Enforcement Career and Technical Education Programs.

P. LaRowe finished second in the state at the 2006 SkillsUSA competition last spring. Mr. LaRowe's second place finish qualified him to compete at the national level in June. He finished 14th in the nation. Great job!

Career Cruising Featured Career:

POLICE OFFICER

Police officers are responsible for enforcing the law in our society. A police officer's typical day is usually less exciting and less dangerous than what is portrayed on TV; most spend the majority of their time either patrolling neighborhoods or on traffic duty.

ENTRY-LEVEL EARNINGS: \$37,800 / year (MI)

EDUCATION & TRAINING: In general, candidates must be US citizens, usually at least 21 years old, and have a valid driver's license. Applicants must successfully complete physical and written exams. Candidates' character and background are investigated, and they are interviewed by senior officers. A high school education is required by many police departments, particularly those in large urban centers. However, because of competition for positions, many entry-level applicants have formal post-secondary education, and a significant number are college graduates. A number of police departments now require new officer recruits to have at least some college education.

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