

Connecting Students to Non-degree Post-secondary Programs, Apprenticeships and Trades

December 8, 2017

Ranken Technical College, Mary Ann Lee Technology Center
4401 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63113

Workshop Agenda (as of 11.28.17)

7:45 Sign-In, Coffee, Light Breakfast, Conversation

8:15 Welcome and Introductions

- **Alan Byrd, Jr.**, Co-Chair, St. Louis Graduates and Vice Provost of Enrollment Management, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- **Don Pohl**, Vice President, Ranken Technical College

8:30 What are Middle Skills Jobs and How Do We Prepare Students for Them?

Brief Intro Session:

What are middle-skill jobs and what training is required? How do apprenticeships help students prepare for careers?

Presenters:

- **Dr. Oscar Carter**, Director, Skilled Technical Sciences, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- **Neil Perry**, Missouri State Director, U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship

9:00 Move to Auditorium

9:15 Connecting Students to Apprenticeships Panel

Moderator: Karen Ellis, Director, Economic Development, St. Louis Regional Chamber

Panelists:

- **Gino Austin**, Apprenticeship Training Coordinator, SLATE Missouri Job Center
- **Kimberly DeBoe**, Senior Director, Talent Management, Challenge Unlimited
- **Wade Johnson**, Apprenticeship Training Coordinator, SLATE Missouri Job Center
- **Dr. John Westerman**, Director, Area Technical School, Jefferson College
- **Alice-Davis Wiley**, Director, Teen Programs, Neighborhood Houses

10:00 Connecting Students to Trades Panel

Moderator: **Roz Sherman-Voellinger**, Vice President of Labor Engagement and Labor Liaison, United Way of Greater St. Louis

Presenters:

- **Pat Dolan**, AFL CIO, St. Louis County Councilman, 5th District
- **John Gaal**, Ed.D., Director of Training and Workforce Development, St. Louis-Kansas City Carpenters' Regional Council
- **Steve Sneed**, Director, Sheet Metal Workers Local 36 Training Center
- **Josh Wright**, Advisor, Construction Craft Laborers' Apprenticeship Program, Eastern Missouri Laborers District Council

10:45 BREAK

11:00 How Post-Secondary Programs are Preparing Students for Middle Skills Jobs

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Panelists:

- **Tony Bryan**, Executive Director, Midwest Cyber Center
- **Dominic Edwards**, Director of Admissions, Ranken Technical College
- **Becky Epps**, Project Manager, St. Louis Aerospace Institute & Technical Training, Workforce Solutions Group, St. Louis Community College
- **Jacob Johnson**, President/CEO, Metropolitan Training Alliance
- **Phil Troesser**, Admissions Representative, State Technical College of Missouri

11:45 Student Panel: What Was Most Helpful, What We Wish We Had Known

12:15 Lunch & Table Conversations

12:45 Wrap Up & Evaluation

1:00 (Optional) Ranken Tour