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Doctor, Nurse, Physical Therapist, Radiologist.....

The Kent Intermediate School District offers internships to area high school students interested health care careers. The program was established at the request of various health care employers in Kent County as they recognized the need to prepare students for the many current and upcoming careers in the health care arena. A drive down Michigan Avenue in downtown Grand Rapids tells the story very well – we are and will continue to see an increase in the number of health care jobs available in West Michigan! And in a recent article in The Grand Rapids Press, the opportunities in health care jobs will only continue to expand as baby boomers reach the age of 65!

Through this internship program, students will observe and participate with health care professionals to gain a better understanding of the skills needed to enter into these careers, as well as the broad range of careers available. Opportunities may include performing a variety of tasks including filing medical records, assisting office staff, assisting in recreational/play therapy and activities, transporting of materials, assisting patient families and answering telephones – just to name a few.

Interested? Students should examine their career interests to make sure this is a good match. You can use Career Cruising as a tool to assist. It is important to discuss the program with your parents and a school counselor. Also, check your school schedule to make sure time is available to devote to an internship. Most internships occur in the afternoon and some schools offer credit for the program.

Internships are non-paid and there is an application process is in place. Please check out

www.kentisd.org/teachers/Career_Development/healthcareersinternshipprogram for further information.

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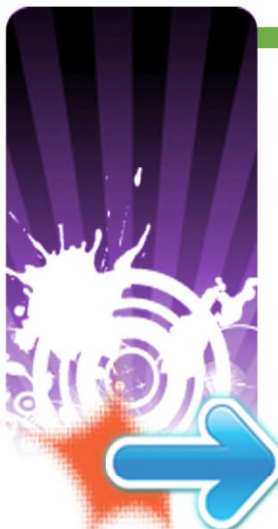
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January is Michigan Mentoring Month - This annual event highlights the importance of mentoring and the impact it can have on the lives of individuals across our communities.

A mentor often refers to a wise and trusted guide or advisor. A mentor can also be a teacher or trusted counselor. Wikipedia defines mentorship as a personal developmental relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps a less experienced or less knowledgeable person. Do you know a student that needs a mentor? Check out our data base of employers willing to mentor. Or can you serve as a mentor to a student? Contact us (info@workpaths.com) to get involved.

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We thank them for their willingness to participate. Now, they are waiting for calls to provide work-based learning experiences. To see the experiences they are willing to offer and information about their companies, go to:


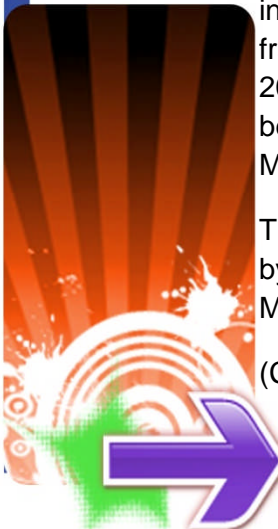
<http://www.workpaths.com/search.php>

Career Exploration at Kent Career Tech Center (KCTC)

Jobs of the future are constantly on the minds of students, teachers, parents and employers. A new wind turbine installed last fall at KCTC will provide the framework for new programs starting with the 2011-2012 school year. These programs will be geared to help students prepare for Michigan's growing renewable energy sector.

The 2.4 kilowatt turbine was paid for, in part, by a \$100,000 grant from Energy Works Michigan. The grant also allowed for the

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installation of solar roof panels at KCTC and a solar pavilion at the Kent Education Center. A television connected to the equipment will provide data students will use in the classroom.

Students will learn about biofuels, environmental policy and energy efficiency in the new one-year alternative energy program. The other new program, environmental sustainability, will prepare students for land use, recycling and resource conservation careers.