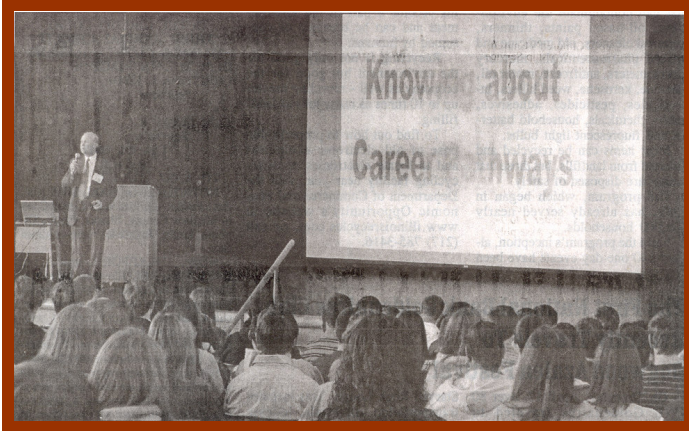


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## THS Students Consider Their Future Careers



**Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Daiber spoke to Triad High School students during the school's Career Day held on Monday, April 21.**

The Madison-Bond Workforce Investment Board's Youth Council, in conjunction with Triad High School in Troy, sponsored a Career Day for juniors and seniors at the high school on Monday, April 21.

"This was our first attempt at a high school career day collaboration and we were very pleased to work with teacher, Andy Brendel, and the other staff at Triad," said Kelly Cobb, the board's Youth Council Chair.

"Connecting business and education is integral to the workforce board's mission, and I can't think of a better way to do that than by bringing employers to the students," Cobb said.

Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert A. Daiber was the keynote speaker for the day and talked to students about making the right career path choices.

Following Daiber's address, students were allowed to choose two breakout sessions to attend.

"The breakout sessions allowed students to become familiar with local workforce needs and training opportunities," explained David Stoecklin, executive director for the Madison County Employment and Training Department.

"There are many high-demand, high-paying jobs in the area that, because they don't require a four-year degree, students and parents often don't think about," Stoecklin said.

The breakout sessions allowed students to talk to representatives from Anderson Hospital, the Boeing Company, ConocoPhillips, Culver's Restaurant, Juneau Associates, Kaskaskia Engineering Group, Lewis and Clark Community College, Madison County Employment and Training Department, Miss Bailey's Poppy Patch, Southwestern Illinois College, The Alliance of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon, TheBANK of Edwardsville and U.S. Steel.

In addition to overviews of the various businesses and training programs, students were given information about employer expectations, salaries, and the labor market.

"We also wanted to help students with their job-seeking skills and one of the things we're particularly excited about is that they will be given the opportunity to participate in virtual video interviewing, a new web-based technology that the department is currently offering area employers," said Stoecklin. "This face-to-face interviewing program will allow the students to participate in a customized job interview and view and critique the video upon completion."

For more information about the Madison-Bond Workforce Investment Board, please visit the website [www.madisonbondwib.org](http://www.madisonbondwib.org).