Clackamas Community College hosts annual youth career expo and regional skills competition

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Youth, ages 14 to 21, are invited to explore career fields by attending the Youth Career Expo at Clackamas Community College on Thursday, Feb. 27, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in Randall Gym.

This event is scheduled in conjunction with the 36th annual Clackamas Regional Skills Competition, also taking place on Feb. 27.

CCC has partnered with C-TEC Youth Services and the Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County (WICCO) to host the Clackamas Youth Career Expo. The expo provides an opportunity to talk to employers, explore a wide range of career fields, and get information about colleges and training programs.

Several businesses, colleges and training programs will be represented at the event including: Blount International, Enoch Manufacturing, Clackamas County, Providence Health Care Systems, Pacific University, Birthingway Midwifery School, PCC and CCC programs, several military branches, and Cement Masons of Oregon and SW Washington. WorkSource Clackamas will be available to help youth register in iMatch Skills.

The Career Expo is one element of the annual Clackamas Regional Skills Competition. The event brings hundreds of high school students to the college to compete in academic and technical skills contests.

The Clackamas Regional Skills Competition is a collaboration between CCC and the Clackamas Education Service District (ESD). The Skills Day competition is open to high school students in public, private, charter and home schools and offers opportunities to compete and gain information about programs at the college. The top three winners in each of the competitions will win tuition waivers for up to 12 credits at CCC.

Competitions are scheduled across the campus where daytime CCC classes are canceled for Skills Day. In addition to the academic and career-technical competition, Skills Day features:

- The Senior Incentive program for high school seniors who plan to attend CCC in the fall takes place throughout the day. Participating seniors can earn a four-credit tuition waiver for summer 2014.

- Placement testing for students who plan to attend CCC. These will take place in the Testing Center in Rook
Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Skills Day competition begins at 8:30 a.m. at CCC’s Oregon City campus and continues until 2 p.m.

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