Window to the World of Work
Regional Career Fair
Start planning YOUR Future!

Explore Careers & Interests
• Get to know yourself & your strengths
• Explore a variety of careers
• Ask lots of questions
• Discover tips for high school, college and career success
• Have fun!

Fri., October 27, 2017
Ridgewater College, Hutchinson

PM Schedule: 11:40-2:10

11:25-11:35 Check-in
11:40-11:50 Welcome & Directions
11:55-2:00 Exploration Sessions
2:05-2:10 Closing & Prizes

10th-Grade Students and Counselors:
AM Schools: ONLINE Registration begins Thursday, September 28 at 8:00 a.m.
Firm Registration Deadline: Friday, October 13 at 2:00 p.m.
Explore 3 from among 50+ sessions! Register early - it’s first-come, first-served.
Back page event planner will help for the smoothest registration process.

View brochure, event planner and registration at
www.ridgewater.edu/careerfair

Questions?
Janet at 320-234-8533 or janet.meier@ridgewater.edu

Counselors should notify Janet by October 13 of special accommodation requests to allow time to explore options.

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This document available in alternate formats upon request by calling 800-722-1151 or via a preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.
SO MANY SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM!

AGRICULTURE, FOODS & NATURAL RESOURCES

Ag-citing Careers
Check out the wide variety of traditional and high-tech jobs in agronomy, dairy and livestock production, precision agriculture, sales, office management, and ag mechanics.
Kari Slinden, Agriculture department; all sessions

Leap into the Four-legged World
Bring your love of animals! See how skills and know-how take your compassion for four-legged creatures to a new level. Explore veterinary technician careers. Learn some basics of animal exams on lovable small animals like Kacee the dog.
Dr. Al Balay, Veterinary Technology faculty; all sessions

ARTS, COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Be a Curator and Run an Art Gallery
Discover what's new in visual and public art, and what it takes to have a career steering people toward art experiences. Learn how artists and curators think differently — strategically and creatively — to engage audiences. Participate in a group art/curatorial experience with a mobile art lab: the "Traveling Museum".
Andrew Nordin, artist/Ridgewater Art faculty, and Lisa Bergh, artist/Hutchinson Center for the Arts director; sessions 1, 2

Build a Computer for Retro Gaming Platform
Assemble and configure a Raspberry Pi Linux computer, and then use it as a platform for playing retro computer games.
Computer Systems Technology department; sessions 2, 3

Computer Geeks: The Many Faces of Success
Meet a variety of computer gurus who will help you differentiate between several high-tech, high-demand computer careers that offer challenge, reward and life-long learning in an ever-changing field.
Don DeMeyer, Businessware Solutions; Tim Elliott, NuTelecom; Matt Bonderman, Techstar IT Solutions; Allen Benusa, Benusa Engineering Computer Services and Ridgewater faculty; session 1

Dare to Jam with Audio/Video Techies
Microphones, amplifiers and video cameras, oh my! Explore Ridgewater's state-of-the-art sound and video systems that are used in the world of entertainment, convention centers, sports stadiums, and other communication venues.
Jim Jordahl, Audio/Video Systems Technology department; all sessions

Kick-start Your TV Career Locally!
Do you want to work in network news, produce human interest pieces, or direct your own films? Why wait to get experience on your resume and skills in your hands? HCVN is a community-centered television station that lets you get hands-on and creative using high-quality video equipment.
Whether you want to be on camera or behind the lens, this session has a role for you. Have a multi-camera, live-editing experience creating the world’s fastest game show!
Liz Marcus, Hutchinson Community Video Network; all sessions

Photography Tricks, Techniques and Treats
If you love to capture moments and memories and you want a job you'll love with lots of variety, creativity and just enough technology, check out a career in photography.
Lisa Crayford, Ridgewater alumni and owner of Country Gallery Photography Studio; sessions 1, 2

Singing Careers Start in Your Community
Passionate about music? Singers like Whitney Houston, Jennifer Hudson and Elvis started in their hometown church choirs! This small group workshop will introduce you to local musician/songwriters as they share their music and experiences. Whether you aspire to be on the big stage or prefer a smaller venue, you will learn to cultivate and share your musical talents, starting in your hometown!
Mona Hjerpe, business owner, educator and local musician; Adam Krumrie, CrossPoint Church worship pastor and local performer; all sessions

Tap Your Creativity with Illustrator
Create a logo design with Adobe Illustrator software as you learn about design elements and principles, color psychology, branding and the design process. Explore the ultimates of creative careers!
Amy Jo Maher, Multimedia Design Technology; sessions 1, 2

BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

#Cookies&Cash Brand Marketing
Building a brand is more than just a logo. Can you create a brand strategy that influences others? Meet students and faculty who share a passion for promotion, branding, and business. Learn how marketing and sales techniques influence your life and spending.
Ridgewater Marketing & Sales Management department; all sessions

Careers in Fashion
The business of fashion focuses on trend forecasting and how to manage “the right product at the right time in the right place.” Discover some of the skills utilized by those in the fashion industry, from store management to product development and design. Try your hand at arranging a trend-right line of clothing for spring 2018.
Kristin Daby, Alexandria Technical & Community College faculty; all sessions

Event Planners: You Imagine. We Create.
If you are detail-oriented, are a good listener and you believe that little things count, being an event planner might
just be the most fun and rewarding job you could ever have! Discover how two young entrepreneurs created their own business to spend their days helping people celebrate and have fun. Learn the pros and cons of varied event planning; weddings, non-profit fundraisers, and corporate events. Valerie Mackenthun and Kayla Alexander, Compass Occasions; session 1

Frontline Office Extraordinaires are Communication Managers
Office professionals are the detail-oriented, get-things-done, people-loving organizers who make business offices run smoothly. You might be the friendly receptionist greeting guests in person and on the phone or the executive assistant for a company president. Variety is great for administrative assistants who plan events, schedule clients, arrange meetings, and create communications in business, education, government, health care, or just about any office environment. See why many people who choose this career enjoy it for decades!
Administrative Support Careers faculty; session 1

Million Dollar Real Estate Listing
Check out our million dollar listing and discover what it takes to be a real estate pro! Learn the basics of flipping homes and assisting sellers/buyers to achieve their own real estate goals while you earn a top-notch salary. Meet two real estate professionals who will guide you through the process on how to get started in the business and how to land your first million dollar listing.
Tim Hacker and Erika Kellen, Edina Realty; all sessions

Show Me the Money
Money skills make sense in a variety of careers and in your personal life. Meet professionals in accounting, banking, finance, and business. Explore a spectrum of possibilities where you work with numbers and money. Learn strategies for a money-smart future and test your calculator savvy. Shannon Kieser, Citizen’s Bank & Trust consumer loan officer; Justin Juergensen, City of Hutchinson senior accountant; Lisa Hauer, New Era Financial Group, Inc., financial planner; and Jim Rice, Ridgewater financial aid director; sessions 1, 2

Turn Your Hobby into a Career
Love what you do and you’ll never work a day of your life! So the saying goes. Meet an entrepreneur who turned his passion into a business! Explore ways to turn what excites you into a career and/or your own business!
Tony Smith, FRF Productions, Ridgewater alumni; all sessions

ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING & TECHNOLOGY
Automation, Robotics and Race Car Simulation
Did you know that for every engineer the world needs, it needs 5-7 engineering technicians? Explore fluid power, automation, robotics, and engineering technologies. Get your hands on these impressive gadgets and industrial machines in these ever-changing fields.
Bob Lea and Larry Mixon, Engineering Technologies faculty; all sessions

Automotive Technology & Auto Repair Careers
Explore computer technology on modern vehicles. Use computer diagnostic equipment (Scan Tools) to test these sophisticated systems. Learn the latest techniques in auto body repair and painting. Discover what makes the machines we depend on daily tick and look so good!
Automotive Technology and Auto Body Repair faculty; all sessions

Chemistry Isn’t Just for Mad Scientists
Whether you want to become a chemical engineer, pharmacist, researcher, inventor, or other chemistry guru, chemistry is the foundation for many cool careers. Explore the possibilities and try your hand at chemistry. Tom Pohlen, retired Ridgewater Chemistry faculty and former 3M chemist; sessions 1, 3

Draft a Rewarding Future in CADD
Computers have revolutionized how drafters draw, design and contribute to product development in numerous industries. Check out the latest CADD 3D graphics and see if Computer-Aided Drafting and Design might be a career for you. This degree is on both campuses or fully online.
Stacey Nass, Computer Aided Drafting faculty; sessions 1, 3

Electricians: Be a Terminator & Get Connected
Participants will terminate a variety of electrical connections using real world tools used by electricians. Discover how electricians are essential to building/remodeling projects.
Electrician faculty; all sessions

Ensure Safety Using Nondestructive Testing (NDT)
Have an eye for detail? Be an industrial doctor for a day! Locate flaws using ultrasonics, identify items using digital X-ray technology. These are methods used to discover material flaws in pipelines, bridges, aircraft, and nuclear power plants to help save lives and resources and ensure quality. Explore this high-demand career of Nondestructive Testing (NDT). Ridgewater’s degree program is the best in the country with jobs waiting for graduates!
Nondestructive Testing Technology faculty; all sessions

Engineers: Turning Ideas into Reality
Ever used something like ear buds, cell phones or bicycles and wished they were designed better? Engineers are people who can make that happen through vision and knowledge. See if you have what it takes to become a problem solver in this high-demand, challenging and rewarding field.
3M Engineers; all sessions
Fun with Physics for Engineering
Why does a diet pop can float, while sugared pop sinks? How can you get the weight of a 4" x 4" board without a bathroom scale? Why does a straw look bent when you look at it in water? How much horsepower can a human generate? Explore physics through rotational motion, light, sound, and more via hands-on fun. Discover engineering applications and careers and how to prepare for them.
Bob Zbikowski, Hibbing & Ridgewater Physics/Engineering faculty; sessions 2, 3

How It's Made: Machine Tool Technology
Do you ever look at everyday objects and wonder how they are made? Do you like computers and modern technology? Maybe you enjoy working with your hands. Machine tool technology and CNC precision manufacturing may be for you! See how machines, combined with technology, are used to create cool stuff. See machining processes close up and in action, and try your hand at running the machines.
Tammy Jablonski and Greg Ryder, Machine Tool & Computer Numerical Control faculty; all sessions

Meet the Arduino Microcontroller!
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Bob Lea, Engineering Technologies faculty; session 3

Principles of Electronics
Solder together an electronics kit with blinking LED lights and discover how components function to make your gadgets work! You can take the kit home with you.
Audrey VanBeck, Electronics staff; session 2

The Heat is On in Welding - 2 Sessions Long
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Ridgewater Welding faculty and students; sessions 2 & 3 combined

Healthcare Professionals Galore!
Wanting people to be healthy is one thing, but having the knowledge, skills and compassion to help make that happen is even more rewarding. Explore a variety of healthcare options with varied educational requirements in one session.
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Karen Schluter, yoga instructor; session 3

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Nursing staff and students; all sessions

Medical Careers in Two Years or Less
Explore the rewards of being part of a healthcare team. Medical assistants and phlebotomists help gather information for diagnoses and decisions. Medical coders and health information technicians use information to ensure that patients have accurate medical records and are billed correctly. Discover whether you might be a good fit for one of these rewarding behind-the-scenes careers.
Cherie Miller, Medical Assistant faculty, and Lorri Matthey, Health Information Technician faculty; session 2

Medical Careers Keep People Moving
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HEALTH SCIENCE
Fitness Careers: Striving for Wellness
If you are inspired by a good sweat, physical challenge or simply good health and want to help others share your passion, explore careers in the proactive active world.
Discover tips to optimize wellness and performance for you and your clients.
Greg Pearce, Anytime Fitness owner/wellness coach, and SWEAT group fitness instructors; all sessions

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**HUMAN SERVICES**

**A Call to Ministry**
What do you get when you combine 4-Square, deep talks over coffee, world travel, ninja social media skills, a deep caring for people, the rush of public speaking, and a desire to live out your faith? You get a rewarding pastor or youth ministry director job! Hear about a ministry life in this small group to see if it’s something you might be called to do!
Dave Wollan and Gladys Nissen, Faith Lutheran Church; Steve Olcott and Ali Danielson, Christ the King Lutheran Church; all sessions

**Education Careers: Elementary through College**
You’ve spent years observing teachers, counselors and administrators from your student point of view - now’s your chance to hear about what goes on behind the scenes. This education panel can help you decide if a career helping students might be as rewarding for you!
College Speech faculty Julie Bredeson, retirees elementary teacher JoEllen Kimball, middle school science teacher Jerry Hoikka, college dean Mike Boehme, and maybe a current high school counselor or teacher; sessions 1, 2

**From History Buff to Museum Specialist**
History is fascinating in movies and books, but imagine working in it daily. History buffs, this session is for you! Learn conservation, interpretation and archival methods. Discover little known facts and learn the difference between an archiver, museum or partnership director, volunteer coordinator, and object conservator. Translate your history passion into purpose.
Lori Pickell-Stangel & Bayley Schluter, McLeod County Museum; all sessions

**Funeral Directors: Where Compassion & Business Meet**
If you’ve experienced the death of a friend or family member, you know it’s a sensitive time. Explore how funeral directors tie biological finality like embalming and cremation to emotional peace in challenging but rewarding careers.
Kelly Roberts, Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Home; session 1

**Help Others via Emergency Medical Services**
The first few minutes in an emergency can mean life or death for you, your friends or family. Students will have a hands-on experience in emergency medical services using medical equipment. Learn about career opportunities as EMTs and paramedics.
Brian Ehlenbach, Ridgewater Paramedic faculty; all sessions

**Law Enforcement - Police Tactics & Operations**
What is local law enforcement? See what community policing is all about. Learn what officers do and how they do it. Discover different careers in law enforcement and what it takes to become a licensed police officer in the State of Minnesota. Learn how Ridgewater’s two-year program is even available online.
Hutchinson Police Department; all sessions

**Law & Order: In Search of Justice**
Dramatic TV lawyers are different from the hometown lawyer who might bail you out of a sticky situation. Explore the real and sometimes humorous side of law. Participate in case discussions and learn about several career options.
Marc Sebora, Hutchinson city attorney; all sessions

**Legal Careers in Just 2 Years**
You don’t have to become a lawyer to work in law. Legal support staff are critical to successful legal offices, from the traditional law firm to the lesser known jobs in banking, real estate, government, courts, politics, law enforcement or corporations. Discover rewarding career opportunities for legal administrative assistants and other law support staff; do a hands-on computer discovery into a legal case.
Colleen Norgren, Legal Assistant faculty, law librarian and paralegal; sessions 2, 3

**Little Kids Know How to Have Fun**
Do you like being around young children? Do you want a career where no two days are the same? Learn what preschoolers have to teach us by enjoying activities with preschoolers from a local child care center. Also learn about Ridgewater’s programs: Educational Paraprofessional and Early Childhood (first two years of four-year degree with bachelor degree partnership).
Cindy Salfer, Early Childhood Education faculty, and Angeline Kallhoff, Educational Assistant faculty; sessions 2, 3

**GENERAL SESSIONS**

**College Knowledge**
Aren’t sure which college is right for you? Discover what Minnesota colleges are about. Learn the difference between public and private colleges and explore online resources that can help you determine direction for your future.
Jehana Schwandt, Ridgewater Admissions rep.; session 3

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See Event Planner on back page and complete Step 1 prior to the opening of online registration.

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How to Make Dough & Raise Job-Seeking Skills
Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services staff want to help you earn that dough by helping you explore clever, effective ways to find a job, even now in high school. See what careers best suit you, best places to look for jobs, and careers worth looking into. Let us help you make that bread! Central MN Jobs & Training Services; all sessions

Match Your Personality to Your Career
Discover how a personality profile can help you understand yourself now and for potential future careers. Learn why people do what they do so you can appreciate personality differences within your current activities, personal relationships, and future work teams. Get ready for fun! Gary Foster, Ridgewater Customized Training; sessions 2, 3

Military Challenges and Options
Military careers mean different things to different people. Check out what it means today: opportunities in the various branches, and how post-secondary education fits into a soldier’s life as well. Do you have what it takes? Maybe you’re up for the boot camp physical challenge! Sgt. Chris Yurek and staff, National Guard; all sessions

ONLINE Learning: Is it for You?
YOU may learn more through online courses than any other generation. Discover whether this unique, convenient and accessible format is a good match for your learning style. Gain tips for success, because there’s a good chance you’ll eventually take a full or partially online course some day. Julie Reginek, Ridgewater online learning specialist; sessions 2, 3

Set Yourself Up for Scholarship Success
Learn what you can do in high school and school NOW so YOUR future applications rise to the TOP to help you pay for college! Kelly Magnuson, Ridgewater Foundation Executive Director; sessions 2, 3

Thinking College? What You Need to Know NOW
Aah, the stories college counselors and admissions staff can tell about students who didn’t think ahead. Now is the time to think and look ahead at the many student options. Learn to use today’s opportunities and resources like PSEO and concurrent enrollment to help make the most of your high school and college years. Save money, time and regrets! Lisa Wagoner, Ridgewater counselor, and Michael Hanna, Admissions representative; sessions 1, 2

EVENT PLANNER
Complete this prior to registration opening at 8 a.m. Sept. 28 to speed the process and increase your chances to get the sessions you want.

Step 1: Write in and rank your top 6 choices below. You will also use these to register online.

1 _________________________________________________________________________________     4 _________________________________________________________________________________
2 _________________________________________________________________________________     5 _________________________________________________________________________________
3 _________________________________________________________________________________     6 _________________________________________________________________________________

Step 2. Go to www.ridgewater.edu/careerfair to register by 2:00 p.m., Fri., October 13.
Several popular sessions fill the first day of registration so REGISTER EARLY if possible.

Step 3. Enter the student information requested and select your school. Once you select your school, your dropdown window of options will appear.

Step 4. You will participate in 3 sessions at this event. Not all sessions are available for every time slot. See the online windows that will look similar to this:

1 __________________________________________________ 4 (Alternate A) ____________________________________________ Alternate B________
2 __________________________________________________ 5 (Alternate A) ____________________________________________ Alternate B________
3 __________________________________________________ 6 (Alternate A) ____________________________________________ Alternate B________

Step 5. Try to select your TOP 3 rankings in ANY order. For example, if your top choice is full or not available during the first session time slot, check its availability during the second or third sessions. If you can’t get all three of your top choices, then check the availability of your next highest ranked choices from step 1.

Step 6. Select options for your alternates. If you did not get some of your top 3 choices, be sure to include them as your A Alternates. Then also select B Alternates, just in case. We often combine smaller sessions or occasionally need to adjust some registrations so it’s best we know your true top choices. Sometimes a change in another student’s registration can open a higher priority for you.

Step 7. Hit the submit button. You should receive a confirmation email.

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