

Teacher Externship Brazos Valley

Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board (WSBVB) and the local Community Business Leader Partnership (CBLP) teamed up to develop an innovative program that bridges the gap between the education community and employers. The Teacher Externship program offers a continuing education opportunity to local Teachers and Counselors, by placing them into high demand occupations for 3-5 days. This opportunity provides valuable and meaningful industry insight. The knowledge gained by educators assist in preparing their students for career pathway planning, post-secondary education/training, and/or joining the workforce. The program also helps the employers and industry leaders reach the emerging workforce and exposes future students to their industry and organization, through the educator's lesson plans.

For 2017, WSBVB had 31 Teachers, 7 ISD's and 20 industry leaders. Below is some endorsements and pictures we received from participants.

"My experience with ergoGENESIS has been informative and a lot of fun! I will reference this business throughout the year with my 6th graders. There are so many different TEKS that I can reference my experience."

K. Peyton

"Through my externship experience I learned how difficult the transition from a highly structured school setting to the autonomy of the workplace can be for some and will use this insight to help students to better prepare themselves to transition by developing more self-management skills."

A. Robertson

"This was a very rewarding experience for me. I learned and have a greater appreciation for our city workers in Madisonville. I even repaired a pot hole! The guys had a great big laugh at my expense and the cell phones were out filming the whole ordeal, but that's o.k. (chuckle)...."

In the future, I will encourage other teachers and counselors to apply for this program, so we may communicate to our students the needs in today's workforce. Thank you again for this opportunity...!"

S. Risinger

"Thank you so much once again for allowing me to participate in the externship as well as the opportunity to see the wonderful city of Navasota, as well as all its inner workings....I am very excited to begin this new unit with my students in the fall."

S. Padgett

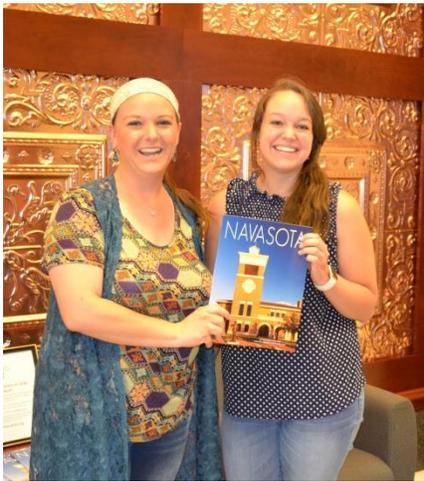
"What a fantastic and eye-opening experience this was! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to bring back some real "real-life" to my students. The people at Bway were so amazingly generous with their time and extensive manufacturing knowledge. Your externship

program is certainly worthy of growth, funding, and recognition. Kudos to you for a job well done!”

V. Clarida

“I really enjoyed my time at Walmart! I was blown away by the systems put in place and the problem solving it took to create a functioning Walmart store! It was awesome!”

J. Pinney



Pictured left to right S. Padgett (Government) and K. Carter (English), Placement City of Navasota



M. Hutto Placement (Social Studies, Science) Ply Gem Windows



Pictured left to right: D. Brown (Construction Management), J. Dawson (Construction Management), T. Galliher (V.P of Kent More). Placement: Kent More Cabinets LTD



Pictured left to right: M. Myles (English), V. Roberts (ELA), C. Bellis (Math). Placement: City of Bryan