**NKY College & Career Connector**

Report: March 2023

**College & Career Counselor Network (CCCN) Meeting, Mar 11th, 2023**

Attended by: 13 educators / 9 high schools / 8 Districts

3 x NaviGo staff / 1 x NKCES staff / 7 x partners

3 x community partners

Presenters: 1 x CVS Health – presenting on the new ‘KY Internship program’ (Retail & Pharmacy)

1 x Gateway – presenting on free summer camps (3 x Healthcare & 1 x Automotive)

1 x Enzweiler Institute – presenting on free summer camps (3 x Skilled Trades)

1 x St. Elizabeth – presenting on free summer camps (2 x Healthcare)

**Direct work with students**

* Co-facilitated the 2-x day Junior Achievement ‘Inspire to Hire’ program with several NKY schools (both middle and high)
* Attended the ‘Financial Literacy’ workshop at Conner HS – connected a business with the school for this purpose.
* Facilitated two workshops with students at Campbell Co. HS – Interview Prep & Job Applications
* Met with a Simon Kenton HS student to assist with career path planning.
* Met with an Ignite students to prep for interviewing for one of CVS’ internship opportunities – the Connector will pre-screen students before referring them to CVS (as per CVS’ request)
* Co-facilitated Mock Interviews with Campbell Co. HS students.

**School Engagement:**

* **Campbell County**: Recruited businesses to facilitate mock interviews with students.
* **Carroll County ATC:** Met with staff (along with the NaviGo team) to see how NaviGo can best serve the ATC.
* **Met with staff from Bellevue HS, Dayton HS and Newport** HS to plan for/recruit businesses for their upcoming Career Fair – helped set up for the fair and attended the fair to network with participating businesses and students.
* **Kenton**: Assisted with planning for/recruiting businesses for their Career Fair in April 2023
* **Conner HS**: Assisted with recruiting business partners to complete mock interviews in April.
* **River Cities Districts:** attended the monthly River Cities School Districts Network meeting to inform them of the WBL opportunities currently available (including upcoming group opportunities and summer experiences) and to plan for dual-enrollment opportunities with our training hubs for the 2024 school year.
* **All districts:** Dispersed (weekly to 250+ educators) a spreadsheet capturing all the current WBL opportunities available to schools and students in the region.
* **Met with staff (along with the NaviGo team)** from an OH school districtto see how NaviGo can best serve the ATC.
* **Ludlow HS**: Assisting with organizing a field trip for MS students participating in their Summer Program.
* Assisted **Ryle HS** with finding a WBL placement for a student interested in Physical Therapy
* Met with a district from out of state who heard of the work of the connector and the MyCareerE3 platform and wanted to know more.

**Employer Engagement:**

* Met with staff from **FEAM** to discuss the Aircraft Technician program due to commence in the new school year at CVG (in partnership with Cincinnati State) and to see what FEAM can do to expose students to their sector with a view to recruiting students to enter this field.
* Met with staff from **Paul Hemmer** **Company** (Skilled Trades) to discuss partnering with schools for Work-Based Learning opportunities.
* Met with staff from the **Planning & Development Services of Kenton County** to discuss partnering with schools for Work-Based Learning opportunities.
* Met with the HR team at CVS Health to further plan for their new **KY Youth Program** (in light of our first applicant)
* Met with the VP of Finance at **Steinhauser** (Manufacturing) – to review the first ‘Financial Literacy’ workshop that was facilitated at Conner HS (which was excellent!) and plan for further workshops.
* Outreach to many business partners, across all sectors, to recruit for Career Fairs and Mock Interviews – great response! (Each of the districts that have requested my help have over 40 businesses signed up to participate at the Career Fairs).

**Community Partner Engagement:**

* Met with the **Cincinnati Youth Collaborative** (along with the NaviGo Team) to present on our work and learn of theirs, and to see where we can potentially partner.
* Met with the **Junior Achievement** team to learn more about their **Stock Market Challenge** and get this information out to our schools
* Met with the **Gateway** Dual-Enrollment staff to look at the Logistics/Supply Chain Hub (online V in-person, certifications/cost, etc.) and plan for the new school year.
* Worked with the **Greater Cincinnati Mentor Leadership Alliance** (core team) to plan for a platform that will permit potential mentors and community partners to connect.
* Attended / presented at the monthly GROW NKY Pillar 2 Meeting
* Met with staff (along with the NaviGo Team) from the **Office of Employer & Apprenticeship Services** (OEAS) to be trained on using the **KIBES** data collection system (Ky Integrated Business Engagement System).

**MyCareerE3:**

* In response to our educator partners wishes and asks, the connector has been working with the **MyCareerE3** platform developer (Rare Bird) to implement additions and new filters into the system – this is funded through grant dollars received by NaviGo and will be available to schools in the new school year – the connector will work, over the summer, on putting together a user-friendly system booklet for all users (school staff, students, business/community partners, and parents).