
Bexar County hosts 50 high school students for citywide Job Shadow Day

Bexar County joined nearly 60 local employers throughout the county in a Citywide Job Shadow Day on Tuesday, the first event of its type in more than ten years. More than 1,700 teens from 10 San Antonio school districts and two charter schools spent the day learning about potential career paths and how they can start preparing for their futures now.

“As part of our economic development efforts, Bexar County has turned its policy and priorities toward workforce development and building a talented pipeline of employees so businesses can stay and grow here,” County Judge Nelson Wolff said. “This job shadow day gives students and teachers exposure to real world employment opportunities and the real world expectations employers have.”

Representatives from Bexar County departments including the Sheriff’s Office, Facilities Management, Information Technology, Judicial Services, Emergency Management and the District Attorney’s Office, talked to 50 students from Harlandale and McCollum high schools about the various career paths in their departments and the education needed to excel in those fields.

“This was a great opportunity for the students to learn about county government and all of the careers involved in it,” Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez said. “Before this Job Shadow Day, they may not have realized that we employ people in a variety of fields outside of law enforcement and the justice system.”

The Bexar County Human Resources Department closed out the students’ visit with a session on translating their experiences and skills into marketable and relevant items for a résumé or job application.

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