

And here's what attendees said about the program

“Awesome – I’m overwhelmed by ideas to take back to my classroom.”

“I didn’t realize how friendly and giving Salem’s business community was!”

-Mark Madland, Leslie Middle School

“Expectations were exceeded. I saw much more faces of business than I expected.”

-Bryan Hatzenbihler, Sprague High School

“It was a great experience! I was able to meet a variety of people in many different settings that will allow me to provide valuable resources to my students.”

“As educators, we have the opportunity to learn first hand what employers want and we can take that back to the classroom.”

“I think this was a great experience that I would recommend to other teachers. This is a program that students should have an opportunity to experience and learn from. Thank you for the opportunity.”

-Melissa Greco, McNary High School

“Very worthwhile! I have a much broader knowledge base now and I can offer a new perspective to students.”

“I have connections now that will greatly improve my effectiveness of preparing students for life after high school.”

-Hillary Reynolds, North Salem High School

“Very enlightening. Great networking experience.”

“I have found resources in the community- people eager and willing to talk to my students. As well as information to pass on to staff.”

“I am not sure how this could get any better! I now have additional tools to use in the classroom. I have some approaches to try in the classroom. I plan to reinforce employee expectations with my students.”

-Vickie Wright, Salem/Keizer District

“I learned so much that I will bring back to my school- to teachers as well as directly to students through my work as a high school counselor.”

“To take the first week of summer vacation was a small sacrifice to have this unique opportunity. Well worth it.”

“The overall quality of all the presentations and tours was high. To capture the attention and excitement of a group of educators (who are used to being the presenters) is a testimony to the success of this program.”

-Chris Poley, Jefferson High School

“This was a great, eye opening experience. I learned a lot about the infrastructure of our community, the business and non-profit world, resources that exist for my students, and the skills and knowledge my students will need to be successful post graduation.”

“This was an enjoyable and informative week. Thank you so much for all of the work you put into the program. I sincerely appreciated it!”

-Bobbi Wright, McKay High School

“I never knew that Salem had such a vibrant heart! This is an awesome place to live!”

“This program is invaluable. It allows the community to readily connect faces to concerned educators and for us as educators to gain so many useful connections to our communities.”

-Barbara Smith, Corban College
