

2005-2006 Youth Quest Program Evaluation:

Before Participating in Youth Quest					Skills, Training and Education	After Participating in Youth Quest				
Unsure	Not at All	Agree Somewhat	Agree	Strongly Agree		Unsure	Not at all	Agree Somewhat	Agree	Strongly Agree
					I know my options for training after High School					
					I know how to determine what training institution is right for me					
					I understand the relationship between education and being a competitive job applicant					
					I know my options for funding further education/training					
					I know how to find out what skills are required for specific careers					
					I know what training I need to fulfill my own career goals					
					I have received help in planning for my future education					

Before Participating in Youth Quest					Careers	After Participating in Youth Quest				
Unsure	Not at All	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree		Unsure	Not at All	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
					I have a career goal					
					I know how to plan so that I can attain my career goals					
					I recognize the importance of demand in available jobs					
					I know the importance of gaining experience <i>now</i> for my future career					
					I have my own resume					
					I am confident in my job interviewing skills					
					I am in control of my own future					
					I believe a program like Youth Quest is valuable to High School students					

What is the most important thing you have learned by participating in Youth Quest?

Please list any suggestions you have for improving the Youth Quest program:

Other Comments:

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EDUCATION INCREASE: QUESTION TEXT

Question #1	94% (.9375)	I know my options for training after High School.
Question #2	92% (.923)	I know how to determine what training institution is right for me.
Question #3	87% (.8666)	I understand the relationship between education and being a competitive job applicant.
Question #4	87% (.8666)	I know my options for funding further education/training.
Question #5	88% (.875)	I know how to find out what skills are required for specific careers
Question #6	75% (.75)	I know what training I need to fulfill my own career goals.
Question #7	86% (.857)	I have received help in planning for my future education.

CAREER

Question #1	80% (.8)	I have a career goal.
Question #2	73% (.7333)	I know how to plan so that I can attain my career goals.
Question #3	85% (.846)	I recognize the importance of demand in available jobs.
Question #4	79% (.785)	I know the importance of gaining experience <i>now</i> for my future career.
Question #5	71% (.714)	I have my own resume.
Question #6	60% (.6)	I am confident in my job interviewing skills.
Question #7	50% (.5)	I am in control of my own future.
Question #8	62% (.615)	I believe a program like Youth Quest is valuable to High School students.

What is the most important thing you have learned by participating in Youth Quest?

- The most important thing I think I've gathered in Youth Quest is probably the thought to know I have to factor in the job availability of what I want to do. Also, whether or not the job chose will be enjoyable and will support me. Basically, the essentials of what is important of choosing a career.
- Abraham Maslow is a genius (self-actualizing people).
- There were a lot of things I wasn't sure about before Youth Quest, such as where I could find training or the right questions I should ask colleges or in applying for a job. Youth Quest helped a lot, I was taught even more job interview etiquette and how and where to search for information as well as the right kind of sources to trust.
- Learning about financial aid and figuring out how to pay for my college tuition.
- How to get loans for a higher education. Learned how to get a job.
- What I want to do when I get older. How to be prepared for an interview and what to say and what not to say. I learned that there is more than just one college out there that I want to go to.
- I don't think there is a most important thing other than the skills I learned to get a job. Also kind of gave me ideas what the real world's going to be like.
- What things I am interested in and how to make a career doing it. And how I can achieve my goal.
- How to make a resume.
- I have learned that you need to take steps during high school, like applying for scholarships, very seriously. Also, to look for what jobs are in demand and find a career that interests you.
- I learned that I'm in control of my career path. I also learned that you shouldn't jump at a job the first chance you get, but shop around.
- I have learned that there are options out there for a person like myself.
- The different values of each college. Also, how important my career choice is going to be when I get into the field.
- How much my education will affect my opportunities in the job market.
- The most important thing I have learned in Youth Quest is how to determine what career would fit you and how to go about getting that job, and also what schools to go to for it.
- I've learned about the opportunities that are available after high school and what I have to do to reach my goals.

Please list any suggestions you have for improving the Youth Quest program:

- More days for Youth Quest.
- Don't do it during any Gateway classes, a/k/a/ Third block.
- I would suggest more meetings so that we can learn a lot more, as well as maybe meet outside of school, so there is more availability.
- Have the program twice a month instead of one. Play more games relating to the program.
- We should try to get the students to contact someone for a job interview. Any job that the student would be interested in.
- Have it more than once a month because it really helps. We would also have time to learn more about what we want to be. We could also do it outside of school because this is fun.

- Sometimes you should have guest speakers with occupations the students are interested in.
- I think it's fine the way it is.
- Not really.
- A couple more field trips possible because for me I learn better when I see and go and be there or what types of options I have. Otherwise the program was executed very well.
- I believe there should be at least two meetings a month. Also, go over jobs a little deeper.
- There should be more meetings, otherwise I thought it was great!
- Honestly, they have it all down pat from the researching and decision making all the way to the field trips and ice cream.
- More meetings.
- More frequent meetings is about the only thing that I would change.
- More campus visits, if possible.

Other Comments:

- Youth Quest has also given me the perfect questionnaire or questions to ask colleges and also how to find the best college.
- We should try to not do it during Gateway classes because many of us couldn't come to a majority of the meetings.
- I loved having Youth Quest, I learned more in the program than I could ever have thought I would. It is an excellent program and I definitely recommend it to anyone interested.
- Thank you for giving me the opportunity to think more about my career so I could actually pursue it to make a great living.
- It's good for kids to learn about.
- This was an excellent program and if I could, I'd join next year also.
- Good job.
- I really enjoyed being in this program and would hope it would be back next year.
- I am really thankful for this opportunity!
- The course helped me secure my future a lot more. I have a lot more of an idea where I am headed. And that helps a lot.