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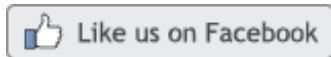
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### 2017 SAWDC WoO



Close to 10,000 eighth graders will get a sneak peek at the job market awaiting them during the eighth annual SAWDC Worlds of Opportunity Career Expo. The two-day event, slated for Sept. 20-21 at the Mobile Civic Center, attracts students from nine southwest Alabama counties and immerses them in a hands-on interactive career exploration experience led by business professionals representing 11 key south Alabama industries.

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### SAWDC Expands Its Team

Please join us in welcoming **Morgan McCane** to SAWDC. Morgan will be working with SAWDC as a Project Assistant during her Senior year of high school as part of a co-op program with the Mobile County Public School System. We are excited to have Morgan join the team!



## 2017 SAWDC Worlds of Opportunity Let the Countdown Begin!

It's hard to believe that in two short weeks, we will be kicking off the 8th annual SAWDC Worlds of Opportunity. We are always overwhelmed by the outpouring of support year after year. We understand that the passion that drives our volunteers, our sponsors, our partners resides at the heart of the event - the student.

The mission of the SAWDC Worlds of Opportunity is to **"Inspire our future workforce...one student at a time."** So, this is about relationships. Yes, we have great exhibits and, yes, we have creative hands-on interactive experiences, but it is what happens between one volunteer and one student (10,000 times) during those two, action-packed days that makes the difference.

We are often asked "how do you measure success?" And we do have a set of metrics, which we capture each year, but the true impact, which how to measure still eludes us, is whether or not we made a difference in the life of a student. Did we plant a seed? Did we open their eyes to new possibilities...endless opportunities? Did we inspire?

To gauge our effectiveness, we rely heavily on the feedback from those who are on the frontline - our Educators. It is their enthusiasm and constant reminder of the impact that keeps us going. And we are so grateful because our Educators are preparing our future workforce and we want to make certain we equip them with everything they need to be successful....one student at a time.



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# CALLING ALL EDUCATORS!



## Check Out the 2017 SAWDC WoO Resources

School registration for the 2017 event has closed with 76 schools registered representing over 9,000 students. To help you prepare your students, we have provided a comprehensive set of resources - all of which are located on the Educator webpage of the "WoO" website. Click on the links below to access. We can't wait to see you in two weeks!

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[Teacher Guide](#)

[2017 Student Booklet](#)

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