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Welcome to *Signposts!*
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Signposts is the newsletter for friends of The Harraseeket Foundation (pronounced "hair-a-SEEK-it"), a Northern Virginia 501(c)(3) nonprofit

Our mission: *Supporting communities that help young people imagine their future.* Learn more [here](#)

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**Yesterday, 126 people
representing 80 employers
invested in 2,300 students**

Want to invest with them?

Herndon High School opened its doors and invited

**employers to connect with all its students (9th-12th grade)
at the Career Fair.**

Comments from employers:

“This career fair is something I truly wish I had when I was in school! Letting kids know their options while in school, after school and the different ways to learn and grow! Truly phenomenal!”

“A fantastic time for everybody involved. This will provide wonderful experience for the students, and help us employers find the next generation that will ensure our business keeps moving forward.”

“I realized how good it felt to be part of the Herndon community contributing to the local students as they prepare for their future. It felt exciting.”

Comments from students:

*“The fair has been helpful in understanding how we can get involved in industries and how we can start our careers.” —
Sophomore at HHS*

*“It’s been very interesting and less confusing. Instead of looking on websites it’s helpful to have people actually tell you what work is like.” —
Freshman at HHS*

*“I liked how versatile things have been, and how diverse the careers are. I especially liked the interactive lungs from the INOVA workshop!” —
Junior at HHS*

The scene.

Picture this:

- **2,300 students imagining their future in 1-on-1 and small group conversations at 80 employer tables.**



350 students going through every 30 minutes.

72 classroom workshops led by employers on 15 topics, such as:

- **Careers at Amazon, Wegmans, the Federal Highway Administration, Inova Hospital, Deloitte and Audi of America**
- **Mentoring, veterinarian care, military service**

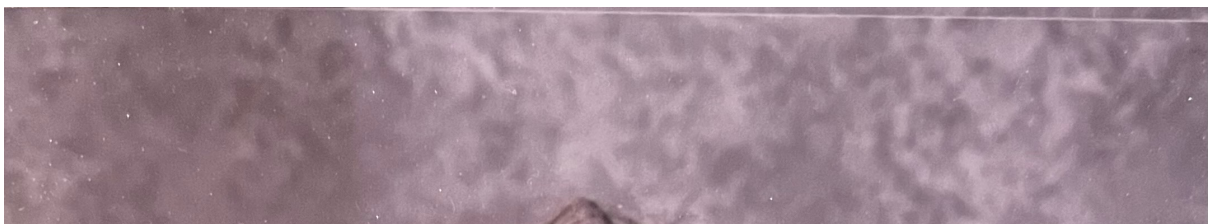


Career Guide (mentoring) workshop panel

The extraordinary staff at Herndon High School made this happen!

The staff organized the students, attended to the employers with everything from breakfast and lunch to setting up AV equipment, and reconfigured the school. Everyone from the Principal, Dr. Elizabeth Noto, to counselors, teachers, staff, custodians (especially custodians!), and Fairfax County Public Schools leaders.

All of this was led by a force of nature named Stephanie Stewart. She conceived of, planned and implemented the program while doing her day job as a teacher at the school.





***Stephanie Stewart
CTE – Marketing Teacher
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YOU are invited to keep the momentum going.

The Career Fair accomplished its two goals:

1. Showing **students** the opportunities that exist when they begin engaging with employers in their community.
2. Showing **employers** how bringing high school students into the fold can enrich their own environments and allow them to be part of something that positively impacts young people.

Want to take an active role in making this kind of difference?

Whether you're an employer or an individual, we invite you to sign up to participate during the year in workshops, panel discussions and/or act as a career guide in small groups or 1-on-1. We'll work with you to create an experience that suits your interests.

If you're an employer, please consider offering a field trip, shadowing opportunity, internship or part-time job.

[Click here to tell us you'd like to get involved](#)

The Harraseeket Foundation is proud to support this Program.

We invite you to volunteer your time, talent and treasure to Harraseeket so we can expand our support for the Herndon High School program and other programs like it.

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