



Career Center

Why do I need to think about careers?

Eventually, you will graduate and move on with your life. Your education at Woodland Hills can positively prepare you for college, technical school, or work. It is important to have an idea of what you want to do after high school, so that you can begin to prepare yourself now by taking the right classes, challenging yourself, and committing yourself to excellence.

Why is it?

The Woodland Hills Career Center is a program, located in the former men's faculty lounge next to the Library, dedicated to the sharing of resources related to college, technical education, job search, financial aid, and other information designed to help **you** plan for your future. Computers will be available for students to complete your materials required for job interviews, including a resume, cover letter, and portfolio. Mr. O'Grady, Career Counselor, will be available to provide one on one assistance to you as you conduct your career search.

How can I use the Career Center?

Students may drop by the Center to receive a pass for the next school day. You are permitted to use lunch, ASE classes, and other free time during the school day to the Career Center. A schedule will be posted so that students can know when the Center is typically open for use.

Why a Career Center?

Students must prepare for tomorrow, today, by considering your interests, abilities, and values and placing them in context of your current educational outcomes. Are you achieving your potential? Are you taking the right courses now to be prepared for academic expectations in a major of your choosing? Do you understand that your current academic outcomes help-or harm-your ability to be able to attend the college or technical school of your choosing? Here are some important facts:

- You are responsible for your success. No one else. Just you.
- Making the time now to learn how to study, to establish personal goals and constantly working hard to achieve them will help you *who and what* you want to be in the future.
- The average high school dropout makes \$10.74/hour. The average high school graduate makes \$14.00/hour. Students who graduate from college with a bachelor's degree average \$20.00/hour, a master's degree average \$25.00/hour, a professional degree average \$30.36/hour, and a doctoral degree average \$32.43/hour.
- College graduates and people with specialized skill sets can make anywhere from \$ 20,000/year in entry-level positions to well over \$100,000/year, depending on the career choice, with typically advancing salaries through the years.
- Plumbers, who are currently highly sought after, and electrician's make an average annual income of around \$50,000/year.
- Being successful is a choice.

Class Lessons

Career Center Staff will be conducting classroom Guidance Lessons with a focus on career preparation and awareness. You will learn how *Bridges*; a web-based program aimed at helping students in identifying career interests and facilitating the college and technical school process, can help you. You will also learn important life skills such as how to shake hands, preparing for a job interview, communication, the job search, budget, etc.

Community Partnerships

The Career Center is working to maintain existing partnerships and develop new partnerships with businesses, companies and corporations to provide *job shadowing, internship and exposure activities* that will enhance your understanding of both the realities of and the types of work. Additionally, the Career Center is connecting to community-based non-profit agencies and organizations that hold as a program goal the career readiness of high school students.

For more information

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