

# DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL CAREER DAY



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Engineer Steve Thompson of Integrated Power Designs in Hanover Township, shared trade magazines to share with students at a Dallas Senior High School Career Day.

## Learning the business

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There were no butchers, bakers or candlestick makers at the Dallas Senior High School Career and Vocational Day.

Instead, the students met and listened to 32 area professionals from the greater Wilkes-Barre community that included chiropractors, musicians, sports managers, landscapers, engineers and massage therapists. All talked about their careers and education and some about the passion and dedication they feel for their work.

High school student Dave Martindale sat in and listened to State Senator Lisa Baker and State Rep Karen Boback.

"They gave us a good insight into what it would be like to be in the state senate," Martindale said.

The freshman is torn, though.

"I've thought about it, government or education for myself because I do like kids, too," he mused. "I worked with Awana at the Grace Community Church and my grandfather was a school principal at Valley West."

Though graduation is three years away, Martindale thoughtfully ponders the future. Career Day has helped him focus on his choices and broaden his views.

Most presenters feel the future was predicated on the past and suggested that students start out with a basic four-year college program. That is, however, where a traditional path to success ended. Career paths are as varied today as the doors and labyrinths of Alice's trip through Wonderland.

Listening to how Robert Belza, director of ticketing for the



Back Mountain chiropractor Shawn Miller shows students a replica of the spine at a Dallas Senior High School Career Day program.

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, started his career as an accountant was an illustration.

With a local background and a degree in accounting from Misericordia University, Belza considers himself to be among the fortunate few who have not had to move out of the area to follow their careers. He credits the Penguins with providing an internship program for area youth and says that many of the regular full-time employees of the organization come from those ranks. One perk, he says, is that he has an "in" on sporting event tickets anywhere in the country as he networks with other sports event managers.

Another couple who emphasized the flexibility of their career choice were Steve and Diane Thompson, both engineers with Integrated Power Designs in Hanover Township.

Electrical and chemical engineers, respectively, the Thompsons feel their education at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the engineering field has allowed them to lead a comfortable, creative life even though many of their college engineering buddies have applied their

engineering background to law or teaching. Remarking on the number of students who poured into the high school auditorium to hear them, the Thompsons were "very pleasantly surprised."

Sophomores Brad Sherman and Matt Silvestri eagerly read a trade magazine that the Thompsons shared. Both boys want a chance at the engineering field - Matt in mechanical engineering because he likes to "build things" and Brad in electrical engineering because a "friend in the family is an electrician." The boys plan to go as far as they can in math next year.

But not all the careers were traditional ones.

Home-grown Swoyersville vocalist and musician Dyer Knight presented musical wannabes with probably the most exotic career possibilities of the day, sharing his experiences as a lead vocalist for an 80's rock band which toured Europe and played in large stadiums to adoring crowds. He'd be the first to admit that the pathways to a career are many and varied.



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Things got out of control during Gate of Heaven's Catholic Schools Week Hat Day activities. Here, Matthew Blaum's alligator tries to eat the trout on teacher Suzanne Motyka's hat.

## Crazy hats abound at GOH event

Tuesday was Crazy Hat Day at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas, just one of a long list of activities planned to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, January 27 through February 2.

The theme, "Catholic Schools - Light the Way" represents the special role of Catholic schools and teachers in lighting the way through a faith-based education that supports the whole child in learning about and leading a fulfilled life.

In addition to Crazy Hat and Crazy Sock Day, the school held an Open House, an "ABC" Bee for pre-schoolers, a Talent Show for first and second graders, a magic show, a variety show, a free spaghetti and meatballs lunch, a Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Spelling "Bowls" for third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders; a Sports Shirt Day, Bingo, a Make Your Own Sundae party, Gate of Heaven School Spirit Day, green and white basketball games, a Saints' Liturgy and a Prayer Service.



Alexandra Nockley peeks out from under her hat during Hat Day at Gate of Heaven School celebrating Catholic Schools Week.

### PUZZLE ANSWERS

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#### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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answers

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