



EFE a Career Path for Academic Credit

Education for Employment is a fantastic career training opportunity for your teenagers. They experience hands-on career training in their field of interest, learning current business and industry skills through the latest technology. Did you know EFE is also a fantastic opportunity for *MICHIGAN MERIT ACADEMIC* credit and *COLLEGE* credit?

Michigan Merit Academic Credit

Students enrolled in EFE programs will receive credit for their EFE course and will also obtain equivalent academic credit needed for Michigan Merit Curriculum graduation requirements.



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Currently, Michigan Merit Curriculum requires students to take Algebra II. Congress is in the process of approving a potential bill that will create an opportunity for some EFE programs with embedded math content to be an equivalent option for the Algebra II requirement. The time is now to let your voice be heard; call or email your legislators and share your thoughts ■

ACADEMIC CREDIT	EFE PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT
Visual, Performing and Applied Arts Credit	Art & Design Career Skills, Business Mgmt. Admin (BMA), Construction Trades, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Digital Video Production, Drafting, Dynamic Web Programming, Early Childhood Ed, Electro-Mechanical, Furniture & Cabinetmaking, Machine Tool, Marketing, Photography/Digital Imaging, Radio Broadcasting, Web Design, Welding
4th Related Math Credit	Accounting, Auto Collision, Auto Tech, Aviation, Business Mgmt. Admin (BMA), Banking, Computer Tech, Computer Network, Construction Trades, Drafting, Electrical Tech, Electro-Mechanical, Dynamic Web Programming, Hotel Restaurant & Travel Mgmt, Heating Vent. & AC, Machine Tool, Marketing, Welding
3rd Science Credit	Allied Health, Animal Science, Animal Tech, Cosmetology, Dental Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician, Health Occupations, Veterinary Science

EFE COLLEGE CREDIT

AP courses and dual enrollment in high school aren't the only option for high school students to get college credit. Your teenagers may also receive FREE

college credit through their EFE programs. EFE students have the potential for obtaining 3, 6, 9+ college credit hours *in their chosen career path* at local colleges and universities ■

PARTICIPATING COLLEGES	EFE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR COLLEGE CREDIT
Baker College Davenport University Ferris State University Grand Rapids Comm. College Kalamazoo Valley Comm. College Kellogg Comm. College Lake Michigan College Michigan Career Tech Inst. Northwestern MI College University of Northwest Ohio	Accounting Construction Trades Heat, Vent, Air Cond. Allied Health Culinary Arts Health Occupations Art & Design Digital Video Prod Hotel, Rest, Travel Mgmt Auto Collision Drafting, CAD Law Enforcement Auto Tech Early Child Ed Machine Tool Aviation Electro-Mechanical Marketing BMA Electrical Tech Network Administration Banking Emerg Med Tech Welding Computer Tech Furniture & Cabinet

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EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Radio Station Manager Started Career with EFE

A lumna of EFE Radio Broadcasting, Beth Mitchell, shares her journey with us: "Education for Employment has made a world of difference in my life. I first took the EFE Radio Broadcasting course in my junior year of high school. I instantly fell in love with broadcasting and decided that radio was what I wanted to do with my life. The course was not only fun, but it was 100% hands on. I got to work with different types of technology while learning about the field. Actually doing the work that I was reading in our textbook made a big difference."

WKDS 89.9 fm, a non-profit educational radio station, is located at the Public Media Network in downtown Kalamazoo. Students in the Radio

Broadcasting course produce and DJ their own radio shows. The EFE student radio shows are aired weekly from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mitchell states, "The hard work that I showed during class paid off and I was offered a job at the Public Media Network in my senior year. It just goes to show that no matter how young you are and no matter how little or how much experience you may have, possibilities are still out there. If you put your mind to something, you can do anything!" As a second-year student, Mitchell's obligations were a little more demanding but she never felt overwhelmed with being in the program. "Like I stated before, taking the EFE Radio Broadcasting class led me to decide what I wanted to do with my life."

Mitchell was accepted at Olivet College and is majoring in Journalism Mass Communications. Since the fall of 2009 she has been station manager of 89.7, WOCR. "As manager I do a lot for the station. I schedule programming, come up with events, DJ, and much more. Being station manager has been very rewarding and I know that taking the EFE Radio Broadcasting class gave me the skills that I needed to get a head start at college and become station manager. Some advice Michell shares, "Never give up! With hard work and perseverance you can achieve anything." ■



**EFE Alumna
Beth Mitchell**

EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



MILLER NAMED CTE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

I f Deb Miller, Kalamazoo RESA Director of Education for Employment (EFE), had her way every student would have a career and technical education (CTE) experience before they graduate from high school. Miller was named the 2009-10 CTE Administrator of the Year at the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP) 2009 Annual Convention.



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"Every student in high school should have the opportunity for at least one career skills training experience during their high school career. It's absolutely important for them to find their niche in school, get their skills training and find out, 'Is this for me?' before they go on to college," Miller said as she discussed the future of CTE.

Miller is a veteran educator of 28 years and has served for four years in her

current position. Her department serves 9 public and 3 non-public school districts and approximately 3,500 students. Miller attributes the success of EFE to a tremendous collaborative effort from superintendents, principals, counselors, and teachers in Kalamazoo County, as well as an outstanding staff. Over 70 percent of high school students have participated in at least one EFE career training experience and many have received college credit, business opportunities and industry certification training.

Miller also serves the CTE education community by actively supporting CTE issues as a previous member of the MASSP Board of Directors and by serving on state department CTE committees.

"I have a passion for helping students," Miller said. "I believe career and technical education is a wonderful opportunity for all students to be engaged in relevant learning." ■



BITS AND PIECES

CAREER TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Many Education for Employment students participate in a Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) relating to their career field. Business Professionals of America (BPA), Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society (MITES), Skills USA (Automotive Industry), and Future Farmers of America (FFA) are just a few of the CTSOs that are available to EFE students.

Students participate in regional, state and national competitions using the skills learned from their EFE programs. Leadership and teamwork, as well as curriculum knowledge are vital components for competing at these levels. Students put in many extra hours and participate in fundraisers for the greater opportunity of these competitions.

Business Professionals of America (BPA) is the leading student organization for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and other related business career fields.



Vicksburg BMA instructor Mrs. Smith pictured with first place winners Dunca, Frizzo, Harris and McCauley

The Vicksburg High School BPA club, consisting of Sawyer Dunca, Lucas Frizzo, Shayne Harris and Hannah McCauley, competed against over 76 students in the Administrative Support Team competition last spring. The team received an almost perfect score and took first place, which qualified them for the national BPA competition in Dallas, Texas ■

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Kalamazoo RESA will again host the annual Education for Employment and Education for the Arts open house on **Tuesday, February 9, 2010, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Air Zoo, 6151 Portage Road.**

This is a great opportunity for parents and students to learn more about EFE and EFA programs. You can also:

- Visit with teachers and students to choose a program that's right for you
- Investigate all the opportunities available
- Discover how EFE/EFA satisfies Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements
- Learn how to earn college credit while still in high school



Auto Tech instructor, Mr. Basse, at the 2008 Open House

- ***For more information, please call 388-9484***

DID YOU KNOW...

Students in Candace Brown's EFE Art & Design Career Skills program will be involved in an international art exchange with students attending Ruamrudee International School in Bangkok, Thailand. The art exchange will feature pieces from various mediums and will be both a visual and cultural exchange. Students in Ms. Brown's class and the Ruamrudee students have been exchanging communication and design ideas to prepare for the exhibit. This virtual exhibit features various art mediums and will be available for public viewing at Exhibition Night on May 11, 2010, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Exhibition Night is held at Kalamazoo Central and will feature student work not only from the Art and Design Career Skills program, but also from the Drafting, Photography, and Electro-Mechanical Technology programs ■

Education For Employment

Teacher of the Year

Education for Employment instructor, Amy Meyer, has been awarded the Wells Cook Master Teacher of Secondary Business Education Award from the Michigan Business Education Association. The award is given annually to one business teacher in the state of Michigan who goes the extra mile for their students. Meyer teaches Accounting and Advanced Accounting for Education for Employment at Portage Northern High School. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in career and technical education from Western Michigan University ■

Congratulations Amy!



Amy Meyer

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COOP
COORDINATOR

Work-based learning is for everyone. Our EFE co-op program has students working in all career pathways at various businesses throughout Kalamazoo County. Our program has been partnering with businesses for over 20 years and has developed many strong relationships. Here are some examples of companies we are currently working with:

B & L Bolt
B-Line Service
BASIC
Bright Financial Advisors
Consumers Credit Union
Flowserve
Food Dance Cafe
Liberty Mold
Miller Davis Company
ProMed Family Practice
Public Media Network

For more information about the EFE co-op program please contact your designated EFE Co-op Coordinator at 388-9484 ■