



# 31st Annual Career & Education Day

## Middle School Program

Saturday, February 18, 2017



9:00 - 9:30 AM

### **Opening Ceremony**

General Assembly Hall, 3rd Floor

Middle School Students sit in the middle of the Hall

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9:45 - 10:35 AM

### **EMPOWERED! By *Teen Truth*,**

General Assembly Hall

Today's students feel like they have pressures coming at them from all different directions. With the Internet and cell phones, those pressures are coming 24 hours per day. While many might think that gifted, focused, and college-bound students are immune to such challenges, the truth is that the added stress and amped up lifestyle of being a leader can result in even greater life stressors. [www.TeenTruth.net](http://www.TeenTruth.net)

10:45 - 11:15 AM

Middle School Lunch, George Bush Grand Ballroom

11:20 - 12:10 PM

(3) Middle School Breakout Sessions, Pick One Session:

***Survival Island***, General Assembly Hall. Room 362B

Participants will explore their dream career as well as High Skill, High Growth jobs in the Gulf Coast Region as part of an interactive experience that requires them to work as part of a team and defend their reasoning.

***High School Success Strategies***, Room 362A

An interactive game on Kahoot designed to aid students with choosing the "right fit" high school, factors to consider in the process, and strategies to promote being a well-rounded high school student. Students are introduced to the five high school endorsements via Plan Your Path, the three types of college level classes offered in high school, the four basic types

of financial aid, how their grades affect financial aid outcomes, and the importance of extracurricular involvement.

***Finding Guidance in a Complex World***, Room 361C

Do you ever feel like you are alone in life's pressures? Like you are the only one going through it? Well, you do not have to feel this way! Come to this session to learn the importance of connecting with others and being truthful about the fears that you face. Hosted by JC Pohl, the award-winning producer of TEEN TRUTH and RISING UP, this session will equip you with the tools needed to understand life's pressures and form relationships that offer you guidance during the times when you might need it the most.

12:10 – 12:40 PM

Visit Exhibit Hall, Hall A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

12:30 PM

Middle School Counselor Track - *The Middle School Playbook for High School Success*. Learn strategies and about resources to help students succeed in high school and prepare them for college. You will gain great information for your college and career center. 332 A & D

12:45 – 1:35 PM

**Grand Hank**, Premier Science & Hip Hop “Edutainment,” Room 362B

Tyraine Ragsdale, known most commonly by his stage name, Grand Hank has a unique teaching methodology for over 23 years. Unique to the educational sector, Grand Hank's high-energy science presentations, unique teaching methods and deep belief that all students can learn, have worked to reverse thousands of students' aversion to STEM subjects resulting in previously unforeseen educational opportunities and broader career paths.

1:35 – 3:00 PM

Visit Exhibit Hall, Hall A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor