Welcome to the 31st Career & Education Day. An event for everyone!

Please refer to the App, HoustonCED on the day of the event for the final schedule.

Childcare, free for children ages 11 and under (8:30 AM to 3:00 PM), Room 332 B and E

First Aid, Rooms 332 C and F

Hospitality Room (volunteers only with official nametags), Room 342

Lost and Found, Rooms 332 C and F

Security, Rooms 332 C and F

Registration, 3rd Floor, Hall E (pre-register to avoid long lines)

9:00 - 9:30 AM Opening Ceremony
General Assembly Hall, 3rd Floor
High School Students sit along the sides of the Hall
Middle School Students sit in the middle of the Hall

9:45 AM – 12:45 PM Middle School Program

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
10:45 - 11:15 AM  Middle School Lunch, George Bush Grand Ballroom

11:20 AM - 12:10 PM  (3) Middle School Breakout Sessions, Pick One Session:

**Survival Island**, General Assembly Hall. 362C, 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 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, 3rd Floor

12:45 PM  **Grand Hank**, Premier Science & Hip Hop “Edutainment,”

Room 362B

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1:35 – 3:00 PM  Visit **Exhibit Hall**, Hall A, 3rd Floor

9:45 AM - 1:25 PM  **Counselor Program for Educators**

9:45 – 10:40 AM  **Session 1: Understanding the Redesigned SAT and Creating Personalized SAT Practice Using Khan Academy**, Room 332A and D

Attendees learn the 8 key changes to the SAT exam, and how to help students utilize personalized SAT practice from Khan Academy. Attendees receive ready to use resources to help train staff and support students. Presenter: Jill Schott, Senior Director of State and District Partnerships, CollegeBoard

10:45 – 11:40 AM  **Session 2: Creating Nationally Competitive College Applicants**

Attendees learn strategies that prepare students to emerge as top candidates for top colleges. Presenter: Emerge, HISD

12:30 – 1:25 PM  **Session 3: College Affordability and the new Early FAFSA**

Attendees learn about the implications of the new Early FAFSA, and other strategies for helping low and middle-income students prepare for the cost of college tuition. Presenter: Jennifer Ertel, Senior Manager, College Readiness Department, HISD

9:45 AM – 1:30 PM  **Career Panel Sessions**

9:45 – 10:35 AM

10:45 – 11:35 PM
11:45 AM – 12:35 PM

12:45 – 1:35 PM

Meeting rooms are on the 3rd Floor. Please arrive on time. You will not be allowed to interrupt sessions in progress. Check app, *CED Houston* for up to date room assignments.

9:45 AM – 1:00 PM  **Newcomers Corner, Room 330A and B**

9:45 – 9:55 AM  **Welcome**

- Welcome to CED
  - Mirla Lopez (St. James Family Life Center)
  - Cesar Espinosa (FIEL)
- The Office of New American and Immigrants Affairs
  - Welcome and brief overview

9:55 – 10:35 AM  **School and Beyond**

- HISD
  - Immigration and rights in HISD
- Youth Empowerment Alliance UH
  - College as an undocumented student
  - Student and HISD Panel - Q&A

10:35 – 10:45 AM  **Break**

10:45 – 11:25 AM  **Know Your Rights**

- Mi Familia Vota/FIEL
  - Know Your Rights Presentation
- Q&A

11:25 AM – 12:00 PM  **Lunch in the Newcomers Corner**

Noon – 1:00 PM  **Immigration Information**

- Immigration information
  - Immigration overview/update
  - U, T, VAWA information
- Immigration Panel
  - Immigration attorneys

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  **Exhibit Hall**

Hall A3, 3rd Floor

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, High School Students visit the Exhibit Area

12:10 - 12:40 PM, Middle School Students visit the Exhibit Area
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  **Admissions and Financial Aid Plaza**, Rooms 310 and 320

Session 1  9:45 - 10:25 AM
Session 2  10:35 - 11:15 AM
Session 3  11:25 AM - 12:05 PM
Session 4  12:15 - 12:55 PM

- *FAFSA Internet Café*, Robert Merino, San Jacinto College, Sessions 1, 2, 3, 4. Rm. 310 A
- *Complete the FAFSA or TASFA*, Jeanette Maxie, Advise TX, Sessions 1, 2, 3, 4. Rm. 310 B
- *Selective Colleges: How to Get In*, Alyssa Lee Orrantia, Cornell University, Sessions 1, 2. 3. 4 Rm. 310C
- *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Q&A*, Catholic Charities, Sessions 1, 2, 3, 4. 320 B
- *How to Pay for College*, Gerald Cavanagh, Wells Fargo, Sessions 1, 2, 3, 4. Rm. 320 C

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  **Parent Academy/Encuentro Para los Padres con Univision** (Spanish and English), Rooms 340 A and B

10:00 AM  **Parent Track Opening Session**

- *Camino al Exitó Presentación*
- Critical Transition Grades: What Parents Need to Know and Do

10:45 AM  **Break**

11:00 AM  **Preparing For and Applying to College**

11:45 AM  **Lunch** for parents in the Parent Academy area

Small Group Discussions: Overcoming Challenges

12:30 PM  **Financing College and Beyond**

1:15 PM  **Plan of Action for Parents & Closing Game Show/Raffle**

10:45 - 11:15 AM  **Lunch for Middle School Students and guardians**

George Bush Grand Ballroom

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM  **Lunch for 9th Grade Students** and guardians

George Bush Grand Ballroom
12:15 - 1:00 PM  Lunch for 10th and 11th Grade Students and guardians
George Bush Grand Ballroom

1:00 - 1:45 PM  Lunch for 12th Grade Students and guardians
George Bush Grand Ballroom