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ACCESS Students Learn About Professional Vocations at Career-a-Palooza

Saint Louis, MO. May 9, 2013 –Recently, students from six NativityMiguel schools travelled to Notre Dame High School for Career-A-Palooza.

Sponsored by ACCESS Academies, Career-A-Palooza gave students the unique opportunity to engage with area professionals and learn about different careers and vocations.

“For us, it is about giving students exposure to career options while helping them set goals and plan for their futures,” said Blake Youde, Executive Director of ACCESS Academies.

Working in small groups, students heard firsthand the real-world experiences of some of the area’s leading experts. An important lesson not taught through a textbook.

John Jones, an eighth grader from Most Holy Trinity who has been accepted to St. Mary’s High School, enjoyed meeting with Roberto Garcia, Associate Brand Manager at Anheuser-Busch InBev.

“I plan to do something with game design or marketing, and wanted to know how he (Garcia) got to where he is at today,” Jones said.

Garcia, Jones learned, graduated from Notre Dame with two degrees before earning his MBA. He then worked for a variety of organizations specializing in brand management and marketing before joining AB-InBev.

The day concluded with two simultaneous panel discussions broken down by gender to facilitate networking contacts and mentoring relationships. Panel members discussed their careers, from their first job to present positions, and shared advice, such as what they majored in while attending college. Some of the professionals also discussed what made them decide to follow different career paths over time, while others talked about what they liked and did not like about their career paths.

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ACCESS Academies would like to thank the following professionals for presenting at Career-A-Palooza:

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Roberto Garcia	Associate Brand Manager	Anheuser Busch InBev
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