



News Updates



Distinguished Employers of Fort Worth Teens are recognized

[Distinguished Employers of Fort Worth Teens](#), companies that agree to adopt best practices to help high-school age students balance work and school so they can graduate, were recognized Sept. 5 at TCU. Seventy-nine area employers in 343 locations employ more than 2,000 students. A list of the Distinguished Employers is [here](#). **Please give them your business and encourage teens to work there.** And a video from the recognition event is [here](#) on the FWISD website. See pictures from the event [here](#).



Financial literacy component added to DEFWT program

A major impediment to college access and success is families' perception that college is not affordable. To address this issue, the Chamber will add financial literacy education to the [Distinguished Employers of Fort Worth Teens](#) program during the 2012-2013 school year. Our goal is to reach 400 students and 200 parents by delivering financial literacy education through the students' employers to show students how financing a college education is possible.

The outreach is made possible by a \$101,140 grant from [TG](#), a public, nonprofit corporation that promotes educational success to help millions of students and families realize their college and career dreams. TG provides critical support to schools, students, and borrowers at every stage of the federal student aid process — from providing information on how to pay for a higher education including financial aid options, to facilitating successful loan repayment after graduation. Our thanks to Robert Westrick, Jr., TG's Grants Administrator (photo above).



Engineer Job Connect helps veterans, minority and women engineers get on the job training

Engineer Job Connect (EJC), a four-year, \$5 million U.S. Department of Labor grant awarded to Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County, gives companies in the aerospace, defense and manufacturing sectors an alternative to importing foreign engineers. The Chamber is spearheading the outreach effort. Read about it [here](#). Businesses and engineers can apply to participate [here](#).



New Economic Development Website features workforce data, resources

The Fort Worth Chamber launched a new [economic development site](#) in August that features robust industry data and striking photography that illustrates the diversity of business opportunities in the region. An Education section also lists public and private school data, higher education options, and education initiatives coordinated by the Chamber. Get ready to add another favorite to your browser. [Check it out and bookmark it now!](#)



FWISD Superintendent Walter Dansby addresses business community at first State of Education luncheon

The Fort Worth Chamber officially welcomed Superintendent Walter Dansby at the annual State of Education luncheon at Ridglea Country Club Aug. 29 attended by more than 275 business and community leaders. Mr. Dansby outlined his “Singleness of Purpose” goals, which were powerfully illustrated in a FWISD video. See a graphic on the ISD’s goals [here](#). See pictures from the luncheon [here](#). The FWISD Annual Report is [here](#).

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 17 - FWISD’s Citywide College Night, 6pm-8pm at Amon Carter Exhibit Hall, Will Rogers Memorial Center.
- Sept. 29 - Fort Worth Council of PTA's Vendor Fair, FWISD Professional Development Center, 3150 McCart, Fort Worth. Cost: \$25, additional donations accepted.

What you get:

- Vendor Fair table
- Connect with PTAs representing 16,000+ students
- Business information part of the Vendor Resource Directory
- Help the Fort Worth Council of PTAs with their largest fundraiser of the year

For more information, contact [Angelica Romero](#) at 817-691-8246.

- October 7 – 10, 2012 marks the date of the Aerospace and Aviation Industry Manufacturing Summit (AAIMS) being held in Fort Worth. Aviation and

aerospace manufacturing are key economic drivers in North Texas, requiring a well-prepared supply of qualified workers to meet projected workforce demand for years to come. Please plan to attend and spread the information to others. Click [here](#) for complete information and registration information.

- Oct. 13 - FWISD's College Experience Day, Eastern Hills HS. Financial aid and application help. See more info and future dates and places [here](#).

Job Links Excelerator: Open Jobs, Getting Filled



Job Links **Excelerator** expands the networking and workforce resources by bringing companies and placement specialists together. About 80-100 attendees per month review hundreds of job openings in the area. Read more about it and see the schedule of upcoming meetings [here](#).

For additional information, contact: [Betty Harvey](#) at 817-338-3361.

Work in Texas Website Offers Free Job Postings



As the Great Recession continues to abate and hiring levels in Texas are back on track, one of the most valuable services offered to local residents and employers is a comprehensive, easy-to-use, online job search resource and matching system. [WorkInTexas.com](#) (WIT) is a Texas-sized solution for Texans needing either employees or jobs. Read more about it [here](#).

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There are many opportunities for businesses and business leaders to get involved and benefit from education and workforce development programs. If interested, contact [Cynthia Fisher Miller](#) at 817-338-3360.

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