## Occupation Exploration



#### at the JIM KELLEY

#### **EXPLORE** CONNECT **EXPERIENCE**

Middle school students EXPLORE careers through real-life experiences and learn what they need to accomplish in high school to be prepared for careers after graduation.

Students are immersed at an early age with hands-on activities that CONNECT to the high-demand career fields that are available in Allen County and the United States.

Students EXPERIENCE a glimpse of the skills needed to be successful in the



The Jim Kelley Career Pathway Center operates through a collaborative effort between Fort Wayne Community Schools and the Boys & Girls Club of Fort Wayne.

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BOARD PRESENTATION - JIM KELLEY CAREER PATHWAY CENTER

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# Welcome to the Jim Kelley Career Pathway Center 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Experience

**Hands-on Activities in Automotive Careers** 

**SimSpray** 





VR Auto Engine
Oil Change

#### **Simulated Hands-on Activities in Medical Careers**

Laparoscopic Surgery





**Phlebotomy** 



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7<sup>th</sup> Grade Experience

**Hands-On Career Exploration** 

Construction



**Programming** 



**Welding Simulation** 





## **Daily Schedule**

Day	Date	Bus Departure Time from School	Bus Departure Time from JKCPC	School	# of Students	MS Student Advisor
Tuesday	9/10	7:30 AM	9:35 AM	Blackhawk	30	Kyle
		9:45 AM	11:50 AM	Lane		Ashley
		11:45 AM	1:50 PM	Blackhawk		Kyle





- Hands-on Career Exploration
  - 7th Grade Students Spring
    - Construction Trades installing a hinge on 2 blocks of wood
    - Manufacturing Virtual Welding
    - Information Technology Block programming RVR cars
  - 8th Grade Students Fall
    - Automotive Engine Oil Change on VR
    - Automotive/Manufacturing Painting car door with SimSpray
    - Health Care Laparoscopic Surgery Simulation Training and Phlebotomy using a rubberized arm with red liquid
- We run three schools through per day
- Each visit is approximately an hour and forty-five minutes long
- No more than 30 students per visit
- Student rotate through activities every 18-22 minutes

<u>Promo Video</u>



## **Testimonials**

### **Student Interviews**

A few of the student testimonials that we received in our post visit survey:

- "I thought that overall it as an amazing experience."
- "I liked the medical parts the most and drawing blood was my favorite part."
- "I liked the fact that we were hands on and i was allowed to do stuff."
- "I enjoyed doing the welding and the spray paint because it was really cool to see how it all worked and how hands on it is."
- "It was so fun!! i loved the oil change VR and the blood drawing if felt all to realistic. it has shifted my mind into wanting to be a nurse or automotive tech."
- "I enjoyed the construction part the most out of everything because it was fun
  to learn how to do some of that stuff because my grandpa does a lot of building
  and stuff and it's very interesting to me."



## **Current Situation**

#### 2023-24 School Year:

- 4,200 students went through the program
- 200 staff members have visited the program
  - Various Middle School and Elementary staffs visited to see what students experience

#### 2024-25 Goals:

- 39 staff members went through the experience during New Teacher
   Orientation
- Over 650 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have went through the experience this year
- We are looking to get more staff members through the experience
- Adding a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Exploration Experience in partnership with Parkview Mobile Simulation Lab
  - o CPR
  - Ambulance Tour and Paramedic Care
  - Other Health Care related Careers



## **Questions**

For more information or to set up a tour, please contact:

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