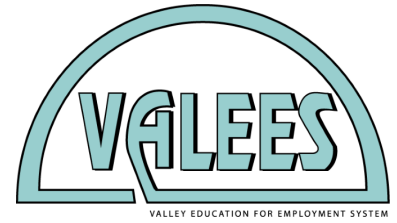


ANNUAL REPORT



2022-2023



VALEES

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VALEES is governed by the nine member Coordinating Council. Coordinating Council membership in school year 22-23 included:

Batavia

Dr. Lisa Hichens (Dr. Brad Newkirk)

East Aurora

Dr. Jennifer Norrell (Mr. Asa Gordon)

Geneva

Dr. Kent Mutchler - Chairperson

Hinckley-Big Rock

Dr. Travis McGuire - Vice Chairperson

Kaneland

Dr. Todd Leden

Newark

Dr. Lane Abrell

Oswego

Dr. John Sparlin (Dr. Heather Kincaid)

Somonauk

Mr. Jay Streicher

West Aurora

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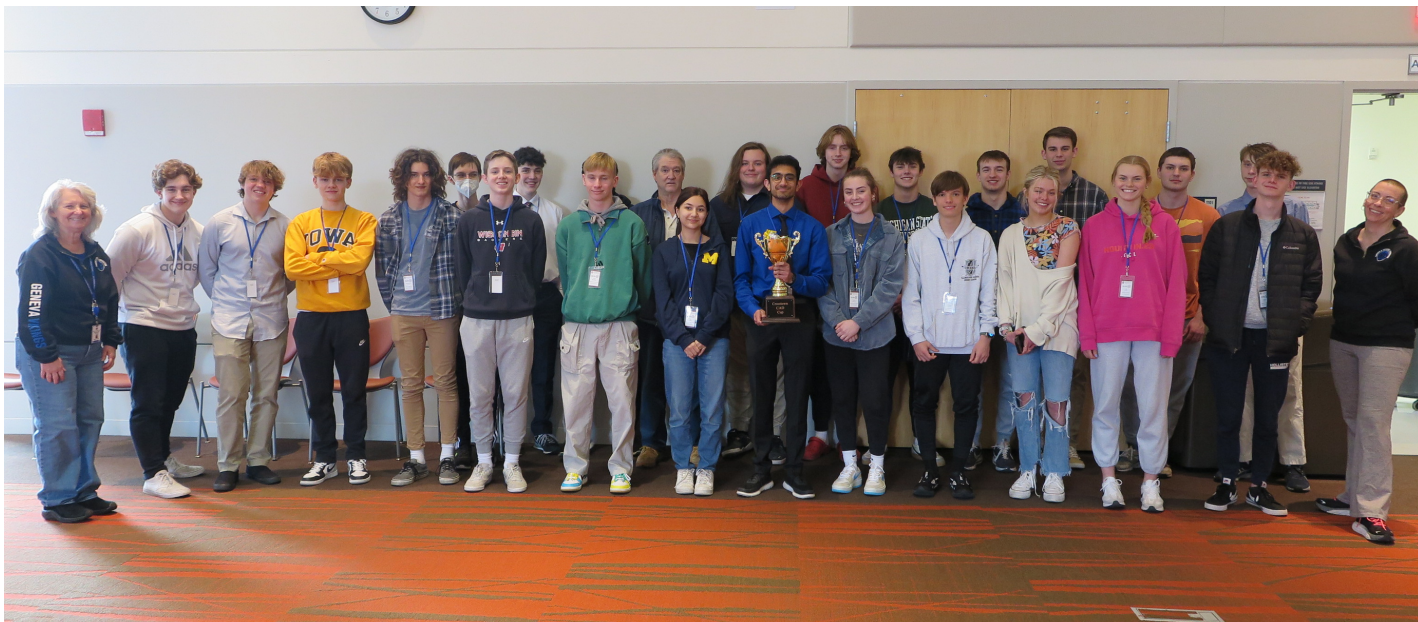
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ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

Valley Education for Employment System (VALEES) is a regional Career and Technical Education System (CTE) established by Illinois State Board of Education administrative rules.

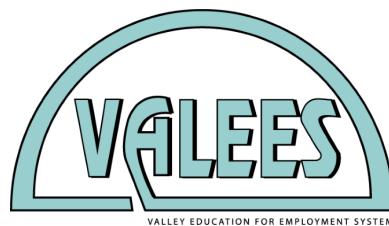
The purpose of the System is to ensure that CTE programs and services are provided to regional youth through an integrated delivery system that makes effective and efficient use of public schools, area career and technical centers, regional education centers, postsecondary institutions and the employment sector.

Kaneland CUSD 302
 Leland CUSD 1
 Newark CHSD 18
 Oswego SD 308
 Paw Paw CUSD 271
 Plano Area Special Education Cooperative
 Plano CUSD 88
 Sandwich CUSD 430
 Serena CUSD 2
 Somonauk CUSD 432
 West Aurora SD 129
 Yorkville CUSD 115

VALEES MEMBER SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND AREA

CAREER CENTERS:

Batavia PSD 101
 Earlville CUSD 9
 East Aurora SD 131
 Fox Valley Career Center
 Geneva CUSD 304
 Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD 429
 Indian Creek SD 425
 Indian Valley Vocational Center



Partner Organizations

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Fiscal Agent

Kane County Regional Office of Education



REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION
KANE COUNTY

Community College Partner and Office Location

Waubonsee Community College - Sugar Grove



WAUBONSEE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Administrative Agent

Kaneland Community Unit School District #302



GRANTS

VALEES administers state and federal grant funding to members including Career and Technical Education Improvement, Perkins, Educator Pathway, and Career Development Experience.



\$666,244

FEDERAL PERKINS

\$576,195 of federal Perkins dollars went directly to districts for CTE programs

\$1,521,074

STATE CTEI

\$1,330,819 of state Career and Technical Education Improvement (CTEI) grant dollars went directly to districts for CTE programs

\$207,825

ADDITIONAL GRANTS

\$16,592 - CTEI second allocation

\$48,523 - CCPE Coordinator

\$142,710 - Educator Pathway

Professional Development

School Year
2022-2023

Professional Development

Description

Business Advisory

Joint advisory meetings with Waubensee Community College

Auto Technology & Auto Body Repair (11/3/22, 2/7/23)

Early Childhood Education (11/10/22, 3/3/23)

Finance & Business (3/3/23)

Fire Science & EMT (3/3/23)

Graphic Communications (3/17/23)

Information Technology (4/21/23)

Internship Ready! (11/18/22)

Manufacturing (11/4/22, 4/12/23)

Nurse Assistant (2/1/23)

Program Committee

CTE teachers sharing instructional practices, aligning curriculum with postsecondary faculty, planning annual professional development and student events

Automotive Technology & Auto Body Repair (9/27/22)

Computer Information System & Cybersecurity (11/3/22)

CTE Middle School Teacher Meeting- Plano Middle School (9/16/22)

Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management (11/11/22)

Early Childhood Education & Educator Pathway (11/17/22)

Finance & Business (9/26/22)

Technology & Engineering Education (10/26/22)

Steering Committee

9/8/22, 12/8/22, 5/11/23

Building Partnerships for America's Future

3/3/23

Professional Development

School Year
2022-2023

Professional Development

Description

Coordinating Council

9/13/22, 12/6/22, 2/7/23, 5/9/23

Reading and Language Arts for the CTE Classroom

Graduate Class taught by Angie Koontz and Mandy Taxis from Somonauk High School
(6/5/23-6/9/23)

Technology Bootcamp

How to Survive your Google Drive hosted by Katey Armstrong and Katie Phillips from West Aurora High School
(6/14/23 & 6/15/23)

Summer Counselor Institute

School counselors participated in the two-day Summer Counselor Institute
(6/20/23 & 6/21/23)

Axis Designs
City of Aurora Public Water Works
Perfection Servo
Performance Foodservice



Professional Development

School Year
2022-2023

Building Partnerships for America's Future: Career and Technical Education Conference March 3, 2023

Keynote: Learning from Experience, a panel of VALEES students facilitated by Rodrigo Lopez, Director of P-20 Initiatives, NIU

Attendees: 245

Breakout sessions

- 1.Accounting and Business: Business Advisory
- 2.Advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in CTE
- 3.Authentic Learning with Community Partners
- 4.Automotive Technology: Electric and Hybrid Vehicles
- 5.Career Exploration Events: 4 Career Roundtable Discussions, 1 Career Cluster
- 6.Creative Sewing
- 7.Cybersecurity
- 8.Digital Marketing: Expand Your Marketing Toolkit
- 9.Education: Program Committee
- 10.Essential Employability Skills - Overview and Resources
- 11.Fire Science & EMT - Basic: Business Advisory
- 12.Health Professions Beyond the Exam Room
- 13.Internship Microcredential - Helping You Help Business & Industry
- 14.Introduction to After Effects
- 15.Planning a Regional Team-Based Challenge: Taco Cook-Off
- 16.Planning for the Individual Plan in the CCPE
- 17.Python Coding
- 18.Ready Player One: Gamified Learning
- 19.Resume Writing for Gen Z
- 20.SEL Skills Development Post COVID: Are Children Behind
- 21.Standards Based Grading in the CTE Classroom
- 22.(Team-Based) Challenge Accepted!
- 23.Workforce Development & Community Organizations: Referring Students
- 24.Wow! Creating Interactive Content with Genially

Building Partnerships for America's Future - Career and Technical Education Conference

March 3, 2023



Student Events

VALEES student events span the Work-Based Learning Continuum and are aligned to Illinois PaCE Postsecondary and Career Expectations framework.

School Year 2022-2023

Event Name	Number of Students	Number of Business Partners	PaCE Alignment
Senior College Bootcamp 9/23/22	210	10	visit at least three post-secondary institutions
Future Teachers Conference 9/28/22	275	2	visit at least three post-secondary institutions
MFG. Day Field Trips 10/14/22	316	9	visit at least one workplace aligned to career interests
Healthcare Visit Days 11/1/22 and 11/15/22	121	PS	visit at least three post-secondary institutions
Apprenticeship Expo 11/15/22	585	11	attend a career exploration day
Crosstown CAD Cup 2/8/23	50	5	complete one or more team-based challenges
Health Care Visit Days 2/14/23 and 2/21/23	66	PS	visit at least three post-secondary institutions
Automotive Skills Competition 2/25/23	30	WCC Staff	complete one or more team-based challenges
Auto & CTE Open House & Signing 3/9/23	500	16	attend a career exploration day 10

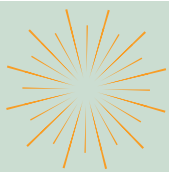
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School Year 2022-2023

Event Name	Number of Students	Number of Business Partners	PaCE Alignment
Graphics Team-Based Challenge and Student of the Year 3/17/23	14	6	complete one or more team-based challenges
IDEA Regional Competition 3/22/2023	115	10	complete one or more team-based challenges
Welding Challenge 4/14/23	42	6	complete one or more team-based challenges
Spark! Career Exploration Event 4/18/23	427	43	attend a career exploration day
Taco Cookoff- Team Based Challenge 5/5/23	12	3	complete one or more team-based challenges
MFG. Breakfast and Mock Interviews at West Aurora's Weisner Center 5/10/23	40	32	participate in a mock job interview





Spark! Career Exploration Event

April 18, 2023

1st

Annual



ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS

HUMAN & PUBLIC SERVICES

MANUFACTURING, ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY & TRADES

FINANCE & BUSINESS SERVICES

HEALTH SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



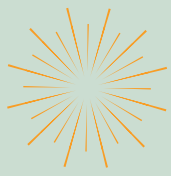
Human and Public Services

7
Pathway Endorsement
Areas

9
Schools attended

43
Business Partners
participated

427
9th grade students
attended



Spark! Career Exploration Event

April 18, 2023

1st

Annual



**Agriculture, Food and
Natural Resources**



**Arts and
Communications**



**Information
Technology**



**Manufacturing,
Engineering, Technology
and Trades**



**Health Sciences and
Technology**



**Finance and Business
Services**

Manufacturing Field Trips

October 20, 2022

Students attended from the following schools:

Batavia HS, East Aurora HS, Fox Valley Career Center, Geneva HS, Kaneland HS, Sandwich HS, Serena HS and Somonauk HS



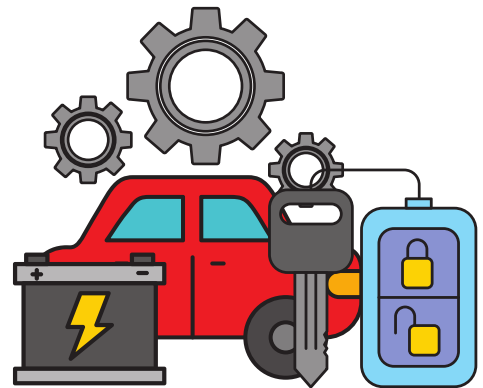
**Smith and
Richardson**



Chicago Mold

Auto & CTE Open House & Signing Day at Waubonsee Community College

March 9, 2023



Manufacturing Breakfast and Mock Interviews at West Aurora's Weisner Center

May 10, 2023



Mark Williams, CTE Teacher, Weisner Center, introducing student panel at the Manufacturers Breakfast






An employer interviewing a Weisner Center manufacturing student



Business partners listening to a panel of students and employers
















Business Partners

School Year 2022-2023

Business Partner	Career Speaker	Educator Site Visit Host	Team Based Challenge	Mock Interview	Student Field Trip Host
Americhem Systems					
Aurora Police Department					
Aurora Specialty Textiles Group					
Axis Designs					
Batavia Park District					
Boilermakers Local 1					
Bricklayers and Allied Crafts Local 21					
Burgess Norton					
Chicago Mold and Engineering					

















Business Partners

School Year 2022-2023

Business Partner	Career Speaker	Educator Site Visit Host	Team Based Challenge	Mock Interview	Student Field Trip Host
CISCO					
City of Aurora					
College of DuPage					
Conserve FS					
Diamond Envelope					
DuKane Precast					
Eagle Flexible Packaging					
Engineering Enterprises INC					
Fermilab					



















Business Partners

School Year 2022-2023

Business Partner	Career Speaker	Educator Site Visit Host	Team Based Challenge	Mock Interview	Student Field Trip Host
FONA International					
GCAMP/VIA					
Gerber Collision & Glass					
Heat and Frost Insulators Local 17					
Hipp Temporary Skills					
IBEW Local 461					
Illinois Section American Water Works					
International Paper					


















Business Partners

School Year 2022-2023

Business Partner	Career Speaker	Educator Site Visit Host	Team Based Challenge	Mock Interview	Student Field Trip Host
Josh Wilson, Freelance Designer					
Kendall County Public Health					
Laborers District Council Training					
Laser Technologies					
Menards Distribution Center					
Mortenson					
MTH Pumps					
Northern Illinois University					

Business Partners

School Year 2022-2023

Business Partner	Career Speaker	Educator Site Visit Host	Team Based Challenge	Mock Interview	Student Field Trip Host
O'Malley Welding					
Operators Local 150					
Painters District Council 30					
Perfection Servo					
Performance Foodservice					
Revv Aviation					
Rush Copley					
Scientel Solutions					

Business Partners

School Year
2022-2023

Business Partner	Career Speaker	Educator Site Visit Host	Team Based Challenge	Mock Interview	Student Field Trip Host
Sheetmetal Workers Local 265		✓			
Smith & Richardson	Spark!	✓	✓	✓	✓
Suncast	✓	✓			✓
Tox Pressotechnik	✓			✓	
Valley Fastner Group					✓
Waubonsee Community College	Spark!		✓	✓	
Weblinx	Spark!				
Weldstar	✓		✓	✓	



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