



7 Careers That Are Sweeping the Nation

According to a study by Georgetown University, nearly one-third of Americans change jobs every year.

With high unemployment, jobs available without skilled workers to fill them, and people looking to kick the habit of dead-end jobs and change careers, this article will tell you the top seven promising careers in the United States. [More Details](#)



Is your career going somewhere?

The Employment Verification Form (EVF)

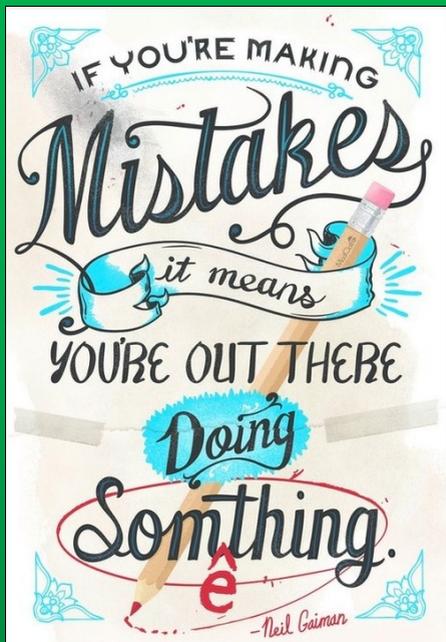
The EVF is due for every person paid in part or whole with EEDA Career Specialist Funds. The EVF was due on 9/27/13. I am currently contacting EEDA District Coordinators regarding EVFs that were not submitted by the deadline.

30% of Students Who Graduate From 2 Year Colleges Make More Than Their 4 Year College Graduate Counterparts

At the June 2013 Education and Business Summit in Greenville, sponsored by the SC Department of Education's Office of Career and Technology Education, Dr. Mick Zais, State Superintendent of Education, shared the importance of ensuring students are taught about careers. He added that "by making a four-year college degree something everyone is supposed to have, we are punishing the majority of young people who don't get one." To read more, [click here](#).

Career Calendaring—a month-by-month example

Career Calendaring helps career specialists to plan a month-by-month program of career awareness, exploration and guidance. **August** should be spent providing an orientation to students, parents and other educators. Work with parents and students during PTOs and Open Houses. Work with your REC Coordinator to arrange "industry visits" for your staff. Align your career goals with the School Improvement Plan. **September's** theme should be Career Information: Attend the C3 training and start working with businesses to prepare for work-based learning opportunities for students. In **October**, provide administer career assessments and work with your Regional Career Specialist on the *Poetry and Poster Contest* entries. **November** is "Career Development Month." Begin now scheduling speakers for lunch and learn activities, highlight "soft skills" on morning announcements, and offer to be a substitute for teachers and plan to present career information to students. Begin preparing for a career fair.



MINIMUM WAGE MYTH BUSTER

Myth: Only part-time workers are paid the minimum wage.
Not true: About 53 percent of all minimum wage earners are full-time workers, and minimum wage workers contributed almost half (46 percent) of their household's wage and salary income in 2011. Moreover, more than 80 percent of those who would benefit from President Obama's proposal to increase the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$9 per hour by 2015 are working adults, and 60 percent are working women.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: C3 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

By the time you read this newsletter the C3 conference has been held 5 times. Comments have been very positive and those who share their comments with us have indicated that this has been the most informative year. Join us to learn more. Details are [here](#).

COUNSELOR RESOURCES FOR GRADES 5—8

Are you looking for middle school orientation, transition, bullying, attitude, study skills, group dynamics, etc. plans? If so, check out this state of West Virginia Web site for free resources.

<http://wvde.state.wv.us/counselors/links/advisors/ms-lesson-plans.html>