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Steel Valley “The Future is Mine” (TFIM) Students Attend Pittsburgh Conference

Munhall, PA – On April 11 and 12, sixteen Steel Valley High School students attended the 2019 The Future is Mine (TFIM) Conference at the Pittsburgh Marriott City Center compliments of The Consortium for Public Education.

The Conference theme was “Cheers to 19 Years,” celebrating the club’s 19th year. About 150 students from 22 high schools were at the event that enabled them to continue their career exploration while also experiencing interactions with adults and peers that they found helpful in honing communication skills and developing their identities according to TFIM Advisor Ryan Dunmire-Kuftic.

The Conference began with workplace site visits. Here employers opened their doors to offer students up-close views of their work as well as the jobs conducted by their employees.

“Some of our students visited the Allegheny County Courthouse, Jefferson Hospital, Covestro, and the Food Bank,” said Dunmire-Kuftic. “Our students even had the opportunity to meet County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.”

Following the job shadowing experience, students visited Soldiers and Sailors Hall where they were able to tour the facility and attend a mock interview activity hosted by Yough High School’s TFIM.

“The benefit to students can’t be overstated,” said Dunmire-Kuftic. “For students who don’t yet have a career goal, the workplace visit always opens up options that they might not have thought of. Networking was also a great aspect to the 2019 conference. Students were able to meet their peers from 22 other high schools around the region, allowing them to build relationships that can help build their futures.”

The conference ended with break-out sessions focused on Team Building, Entrepreneurship, Robotics, Philanthropy, Diversity, and Building Relationships. The sessions were hosted by

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TFIM advisors, local professionals and businesses.

SV Alum and former TFIM Member Dr. Armani Davis was the TFIM Conference MC and left the students with an encouraging message of believing in the process.

“The Conference was a great opportunity to meet new people and explore potential careers. It was a great benefit, and I had a lot of fun learning and job shadowing at businesses around Allegheny County,” said Steel Valley senior Madison Williams.



