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Arlington High School's Skilled Trades Fair helps students plan their careers

ARLINGTON- Hundreds of students from Arlington High School (AHS), as well as Weston High School and Haller and Post Middle Schools, attended the Skilled Trades Fair at AHS on April 9. The fair featured more than 40 companies and organizations in industries like medical, culinary, manufacturing, construction, automotive, agriculture, firefighting, law enforcement, military and others.

Snohomish County PUD was one organization at the fair that was publicizing its apprenticeship program.

"At Snohomish County PUD, 41 percent of our electrical workers are aged 55 and older so there's certainly a need to train new electrical workers," said Julie Mainstone, the PUD's Apprentice Program Administrator. "Successful applicants to electrical craft apprenticeships can make great money while they're learning their trade."

AHS 12th grader, Ian Morris, was at the fair to learn about the different careers that were being highlighted by the various organizations, including how to become a PUD lineman.

"It looks like an interesting job," said Morris. "It would be a good career opportunity."

"More than 80 percent of the businesses in attendance wanted to hire students for some sort of employment," said AHS Engineering/Welding Teacher, Collin Nelson. "These jobs included summer work, internships, apprenticeships, and full-time work, which could land the students careers after high school. More than 250 students have either been contacted by the organizations or are working on the job application process."

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