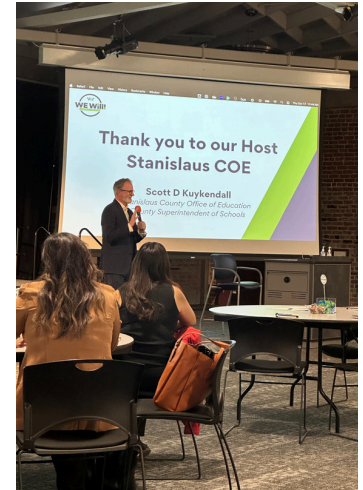




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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



WE Will! K16 Collaborative's Industry Sector Summits Drive Workforce Development

In October, the WE Will! K16 Collaborative proudly launched an Industry Sector Summit "Roadshow" across the region, spotlighting the Education and Healthcare sectors. Led by our dedicated task forces and hosted by the County Offices of Education in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced, these summits exemplified the power of cross-sector collaboration.

A Dynamic Agenda with Transformative Impact

Each summit began with a morning tour of industry partner sites, offering attendees firsthand insights into available roles, critical skills, and career pathways. These immersive tours provided educators and industry leaders an invaluable opportunity to align workforce needs and talent pipeline development. Following the tours, attendees engaged in collaborative discussions, exchanged insights over lunch, and explored actionable strategies during the afternoon sessions.

Highlights of the Industry Sector Summits included:

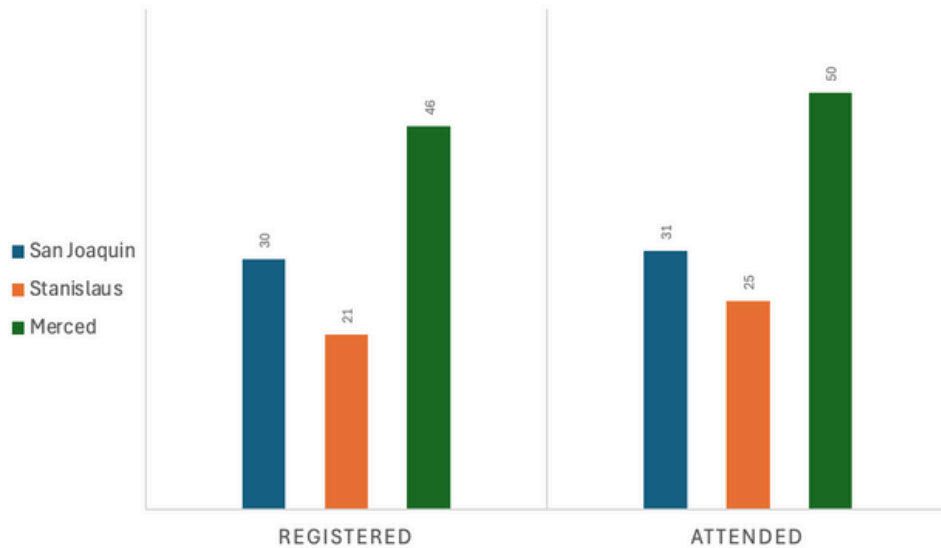
- **Post-Secondary Ignite Presentations**
- **Industry Panel Discussions**
- **Pathway Mapping**

The success of these summits underscores the region's dedication to fostering partnerships that prepare students for thriving careers in Education and Healthcare. Together, we're building a future-ready workforce and strengthening connections between education and industry.

Stay tuned for updates as the WE Will! K16 Collaborative continues to drive impactful initiatives across the region!

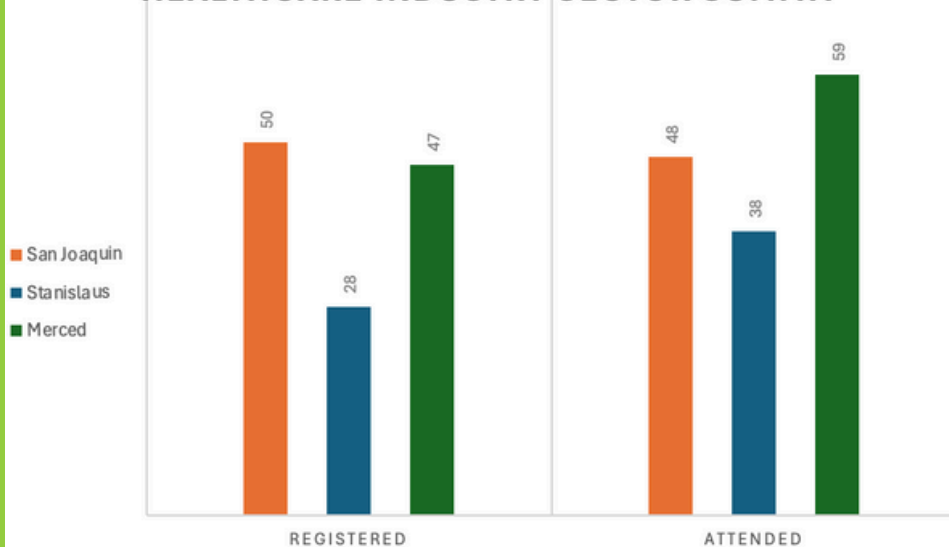
Industry Sector Summits by the Numbers

EDUCATION INDUSTRY SECTOR SUMMIT



- The Education Summits drew attendance at 109% of registered participants.
- The Healthcare Summits achieved a remarkable 116% attendance rate.
- These events united diverse stakeholders, reinforcing our shared commitment to workforce development.

HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY SECTOR SUMMIT



Industry Sector Summit Moments

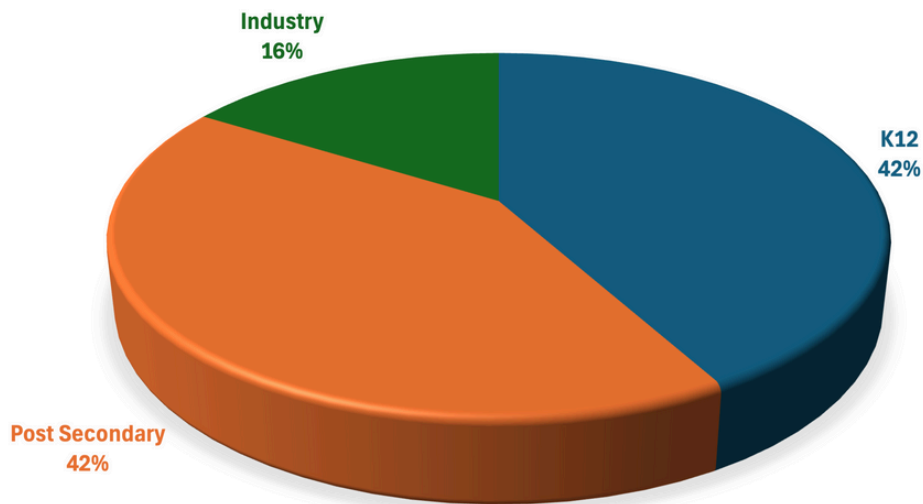


**THANK YOU TO OUR
COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
PARTNERS
FOR HOSTING OUR
INDUSTRY SECTOR SUMMITS!**



Industry Sector Summits by the Numbers

EDUCATION INDUSTRY SECTOR SUMMIT
ATTENDEE REPRESENTATION



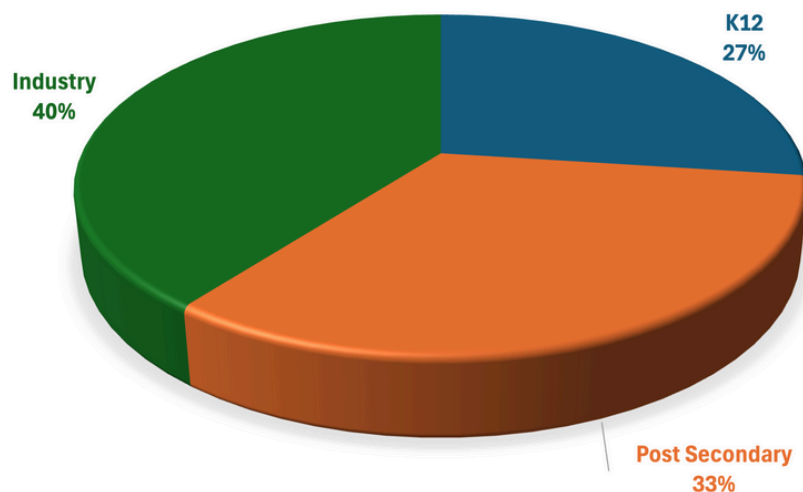
Education Summit Representation:

- 16% Industry Partners
- 42% K-12 Partners
- 42% Post Secondary Partners

Healthcare Summit Representation:

- 40% Industry Partners
- 27% K-12 Partners
- 33% Post Secondary Partners

HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY SECTOR SUMMIT
ATTENDEE REPRESENTATION



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Round Two Sub Award Project Applications – Awards Announced

The WE Will! K16 Collaborative opened a call for a second round of sub-award project applications on August 30, 2024, offering \$4.2 million to support innovative new projects. By the October 1st deadline, an impressive 35 applications had been submitted, reflecting the continued enthusiasm for advancing education-to-career pathways across the region.

Rigorous Review and Selection Process

The Design Team conducted a thorough review and scored all applications, meeting on October 10th to identify high-impact projects for funding. The Design Team's recommendation for funding was presented to the Executive Steering Council at the October 24th convening, where it was upheld.

Funding Results

We are excited to announce that 21 projects will be funded in Round Two, representing 60% of total submissions. Significantly, 12 of these projects are first-time sub-award recipients, underscoring our commitment to fostering new and diverse initiatives.

Congratulations to all Round Two Sub-Award Recipients!

Your work is vital to our shared mission to create equitable and accessible career pathways for all. Stay tuned for updates as these projects come to life and make a lasting impact in our communities.





WBL IN ACTION SUMMIT

Join the WE Will! K-16 Workforce & Education Collaborative at our inaugural WBL IN ACTION SUMMIT!

We will learn and share about all things work-based learning, hear from experts in the field, and understand student and employer needs.

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kevin J Fleming



"Dissatisfied with the status quo, he has dedicated over two decades advancing career education forward as both a faculty member and administrator. Dr. Fleming serves as the Founder and CEO of Catapult, which delivers the world's best thought leaders, through hybrid-flexible masterclasses, that truly inform, motivate, and transform our institutions forward faster.

Dr. Fleming is a passionate advocate ensuring all students intentionally equip their potential, enter the labor market with a competitive advantage, and find their purpose on purpose."

Breakout session topics include:

- WBL for Special Populations
- WBL 101
- Apprenticeships
- Internships
- Scaling
- Documenting
- Labor Market Information
- And many more...

Also featuring Employer & Student Panels



Thursday, February 6, 2025



9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Light breakfast will begin at 8:30



University of California, Merced -
Lakireddy Ballroom

*WE Will! Partners will receive priority registration - all others will be added to a waitlist and notified one week before the event of their registration status.

Registration closes January 28!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](#)

Project Highlight!

Dreamscape Learn Virtual Reality

Written By: Garrick Grace



Merced College is proud to present Dreamscape Learn Lab, which offers cutting-edge educational and entertainment experiences: The Classroom Experience and The Free Roam Experience. The Classroom Experience transforms biology education by providing an immersive virtual environment that covers traditional wet lab curriculum, focusing on topics from scientific reasoning to ecology. This innovative approach enhances learning by making complex concepts more engaging and accessible. Meanwhile, the Free Roam Experience invites participants to step into a captivating virtual realm where they can explore freely, interacting with objects, and control trajectory of storylines. Together, these experiences aim to transform how knowledge is gained and shared in the digital age. Thank you, WE Will. We couldn't complete this project without meaningful partnerships like this!



Thank you!

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Project Highlight!

Empowering Emergency Responders: EMT Training and Education

Written By: Dr. Jessica Moran

This initiative is designed to equip future emergency responders with the skills and knowledge they need to serve our community. Upon completion of our one-semester program, our students will be equipped to take and pass the certification exam to become employed or continue their education in paramedic or fire.

Our project has already achieved significant milestones. We have successfully engaged local employers and training sites in preparation for our first cohort, set to launch in spring 2025. Additionally, we have secured an instructional ambulance to simulate real-world emergency scenarios, enhancing the hands-on learning experience for our students.



Merced College Los Banos Campus EMT Program

Starting:
January 13th

Sections:
EMER-50A-79043
EMER-50B-79045

Must be 18 years of age by March 3rd, 2025

- Items needed to enroll:
 - TB Skin Test
 - CPR (Professional Rescuer or Healthcare Provider)
 - Student ID
 - Government Issued ID

Need to get CPR Certified?
We are offering a CPR Class
November 7th!
Must be 18 Years or Older

Contact Vikki Grijalva for questions or
to make an appointment to enroll.



(209) 381-6419



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Thank you 

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Project Highlight!

Bridging Educational Paths: A Collaborative Initiative by CSU Stanislaus & Modesto City Schools

Written By: Dr. Ana York

Bridging Educational Pathways is a collaborative initiative between Modesto City Schools and CSU Stanislaus, spearheaded by Dr. Ana York. The program is dedicated to recruiting BIPOC students and creating a supportive pathway into the teaching profession for high school and college students through the Educators Rising and Aspiring Educators programs. Educators Rising is a program designed for middle and high school students, offering early exposure to careers in education. On the other hand, Aspiring Educators supports undergraduate and preservice teacher candidates at the collegiate level.

The Educators Rising program launched in Spring 2023 with a chapter at Modesto High School, consisting of two lead teachers and three students. By Fall 2023, the program had grown, welcoming 30 students with the addition of another lead teacher from the CTE Education Pathway. Spring 2024 marked significant milestones, including 45 students' campus visit to CSU Stanislaus and a senior recognition ceremony, where future educators received certificates for their commitment to the teaching profession. The summer brought even more inspiration, as 42 students and chaperones attended the National Educators Rising Conference in Washington, D.C., with CSU Stanislaus students serving as mentors. Stay tuned for more updates about the growth of this program



Thank you 



- Quarterly Narrative Report Due January 31, 2025
- Monthly Expenditure Reports Due each month on the 15th

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EVENTS

Our schedule of meetings is listed in the link below. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Warmest Wishes

FROM THE WE WILL! TEAM

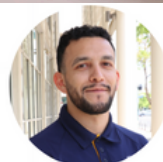
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