



PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:



**Imagine! Career Week is a coordinated series of events for youth, parents, and employers that focus on preparing our region's youth for 21<sup>st</sup>-century careers.**

**Events:**

- **Monday, April 21: YouthWork's and Urban Youth Action's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Workforce Development Conference**
  - Youth workforce development professionals, educators, community leaders, youth and parents are invited to attend.
  - Contact: Karen Bryant, 412.281.6629 x213 or [kjbryant@youthworksinc.com](mailto:kjbryant@youthworksinc.com)
- **Tuesday, April 22: Pittsburgh Regional Compact Breakfast presented by the Allegheny Conference on Community Development**
  - A breakfast for employers and educators to discuss practical ways for businesses and schools to cooperate on career education through the Pittsburgh Regional Compact.
  - Contact: Will Bernstein, 412.281.4783 X 3122 or [wbernstein@alleghenyconference.org](mailto:wbernstein@alleghenyconference.org)
- **Tuesday, April 22: A+ Schools Community Meeting on Career Education**
  - Research shows that parents are the main source of career information for youth. This meeting will allow parents and students to explore career opportunities and understand what skills, knowledge and education are required for rewarding careers of tomorrow.
  - Contact: Rebekah Jenkins, 412.258.2660 or [rjenkins@apluschools.org](mailto:rjenkins@apluschools.org)
- **Wednesday, April 23: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual E4 Advancing Career Education Recognition Event**
  - A breakfast to recognize and celebrate E4 partner organizations and school districts for providing structured and supportive career education for young people.
  - Nomination forms for these awards will be distributed in February.
  - Contact: Bridget Barrett, 412.552.7087 or [bbarrett@trwib.org](mailto:bbarrett@trwib.org)
- **Thursday, April 24: Take Your Child To Work Day**
  - Contact: Junior Achievement of Western PA, 724.772.5900

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**Events (continued from page 1):**

- Thursday, April 24: Junior Achievement **Pittsburgh's Future...Now! Job Fair Competition and Career Fair!!**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from around the area will work with a local company and take a look at employment trends around our region. They will research the company's labor force, diversity, wage determination, benefits, and overall work environment to find out the skills they will need to succeed in the future economy. In addition to the Student Job Fair Competition there will be a Career Fair with role models from all types of fields educating our 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth about what they can be in the future.
  - Contact: Chris Kemp, 724.772.5900, ext. 124 or [ckemp@jwesternpa.org](mailto:ckemp@jwesternpa.org)
- Thursday & Friday, April 24-25: **8th Annual The Future is Mine Student Leadership Conference**
  - The Future is Mine (TFIM) will host the 8th Annual Student Leadership Conference on Thursday, April 24 and Friday, April 25, 2008 at the Pittsburgh Marriott City Center. High school students from western Pennsylvania will participate in career awareness and exploration activities designed to help them answer the perennial question: what do I want to do with the rest of my life?
  - In light of Pittsburgh 250, students will have the opportunity to:
    - explore Pittsburgh's past at Heinz History Center,
    - listen to a panel of dynamic speakers who will discuss all of the exciting things happening in and around the Pittsburgh region
    - partner with marketing professionals in creating a Pittsburgh marketing campaign
  - Contact: Holly McGraw, 412.678.9215 or [holly@thefutureismine.com](mailto:holly@thefutureismine.com)
- Throughout the week: **Boys and Girls Clubs or Western PA**
  - **Youth Enterprise Zone** (seven student operated businesses): will celebrate Imagine Week by having students visit sites that promote careers in media and entrepreneurship.
  - **Career Launch:** career exploration activities throughout 9 Boys and Girls Clubs.
  - Contact: Dr. Terri Henderson, 412.782.5710 x115, or [t\\_henderson@bgcwpa.org](mailto:t_henderson@bgcwpa.org)
- Throughout the week: **Works on Work**
  - An art competition only open to schools participating in *E4* or *The Future is Mine* during the 2007-2008 school year. Students are asked to express their career goals visually in one of three medium:
    - Art
    - Photography
    - Video
  - Prizes: There will be cash prizes. Students will also be recognized with certificates and in a news release. Qualifying pieces will be displayed throughout Pittsburgh during Imagine! Career Week. Please ask your students to participate.
  - Contact: Bridget Barrett, 412.552.7087 or [bbarrett@trwib.org](mailto:bbarrett@trwib.org)