



## **Education to Employment Partners & Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend's 2019 YOU Learn! Educator Externship Program**

Local educators are invited to participate in a one-week YOU (Youth Opportunities Unlimited) Learn! Educator Externship Program that immerses them in Coastal Bend careers. Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend's YOU Initiative and Education to Employment Partners have created partnerships among workforce, industry and educators to develop an effective workforce system by allowing this select group to make the connection between academic skills and the workplace.

Elementary, middle and high school teachers and counselors will engage in activities through the externship in which they will learn about skill sets in various career fields and learn how classroom content can be applied in the real world. In addition to experiencing the daily rigors of occupations in health care, law enforcement and the petrochemical industry, participants will tour local industries such as the Craft Training Center of the Coastal Bend and Port Industries of Corpus Christi. At the conclusion of the program, educators will use what they have learned to develop lesson plans that will inform, educate, and allow students to experience a myriad of careers.

Past employers participating in the program include: City of Corpus Christi, Port Industries, Nueces County Sheriff's Department, Refinery Terminal Fire Company, Corpus Christi Police Department, Citgo, Valero, OxyChem, NuStar, Chemours, Dawood Dental, Star Orthodontics, Children's Clinic, City of Aransas Pass, City of Kingsville, and Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Over 35 educators representing 16 Independent School Districts including Aransas County, Banquete, Gregory Portland, Ingleside, Beeville, Tuloso Midway, Corpus Christi, Flour Bluff, Sinton and Calallen have participated in the program.

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**Please check back with us to find out about Summer 2019 dates.**