

Comal Independent School District

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First Comal ISD district-wide College and Career Fair a hit

Comal ISD's first district-wide College and Career Fair was a big success. More than 800 students from all four Comal ISD high schools as well as from other area high schools invaded Canyon High on Oct. 8 to visit with their choice of more than 80 representatives from universities, colleges, technical schools and military branches.

"Our goal was to be able to offer all of our students something that interests them," said Renee Martinez, Canyon High's Academic and Career Advisor. "I think we were able to do that."

Canyon High parent Tuesday Cochrun saw great value in an opportunity like the college and career fair.

"When I was growing up, my choices were pretty much limited to local colleges," Cochrun said. "We didn't have the luxury of something like this. My daughter had her mind set on community college, but now she's thinking about going to a university."

Cochrun's daughter, junior Krista Lippe, said it's great to be able to get so much information in one place.

"The fact we can get specific knowledge from representatives of these colleges and universities is a big help," Lippe said. "They've experienced what we're all about to, and they are able to tell us a lot more information than visiting a website can."

Hardin Simmons University representative Abby Neinast said she believes college and career fairs are extremely important.

"Students get to see what's out there," Neinast said. "They get to look at big schools, small schools, technical schools and many other opportunities they

might be interested in and narrow it down to something that fits their future plans.”

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IN PHOTO:

Canyon Lake High student Ashley Barbknecht and her mother Kathleen speak with Hardin Simmons University representative Abby Neinast during the Comal ISD College and Career Fair at Canyon High on Oct. 8. More than 80 representatives of colleges, universities, technical schools and military branches filled the CHS hallways to speak with the 800-plus students in attendance.