Career Trek Exposes APS Students to Various Professions

What would bring more than 50 professionals from various industries and over 2,800 Aurora Public Schools students together under one roof? The 2015 APS Career Trek! The annual affair, hosted by the APS Postsecondary Workforce and Readiness program, provided every APS eighth-grade student an opportunity to explore multiple career paths.

From engineers to chefs and even morticians, no stone was left unturned in bringing students together with experts from diverse fields. Students enjoyed hands-on activities, such as operating robots, testing medical instruments, exploring police vehicles and more.

“My favorite exhibit was on anatomy,” said Quest Academy K-8 student Thanh Dao. “Seeing how the human brain looks in real life and being able to hold one was so cool!”

APS Students Explore Public Safety Careers

It’s not every day that an opportunity arises to listen in on 9-1-1 calls while sitting next to a dispatcher or to suit up in full firefighter gear and shoot water from a powerful fire hose. That’s why a group of Aurora Public Schools high school students happily sacrificed their free time to engage in these activities and more in the City of Aurora’s Public Safety Experience program.

The week-long course, thanks to a partnership between the City of Aurora and APS’ Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness program, honed students’ interest in becoming integral parts of their community as public safety professionals.

To conclude the program, students presented what they learned, assessed where they are and revealed their five-year plans to reach their individual public safety career goals.