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Workforce Solutions helps high school students prepare for life after graduation at What's Next Senior Event

Abilene, Texas — High school seniors from 12 schools attended the What's Next Senior Event hosted by Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas to gain tools and resources to help decide what comes next after graduation. What's Next is a specialized, limited capacity event to ensure every student in attendance gets one-on-one assistance from a career and success coach in addition to job skills training, information, and resources on college and career opportunities.

Students from Abilene High, ATEMS, Bangs, Clyde, Cooper, Eastland, Hamlin, Jim Ned, Stamford, Trent, Winters, and Wylie attended workshops on topics such as resume building, money management, college opportunities, high-demand jobs, and more. A Resource Room included one-on-one consultations with career and success coaches and information from community college, technical school, military, community, and employment organizations to help prepare students for their path after graduation. "It was a really helpful experience," said Abilene High School Senior Branson Davis. "The workshops were very informative and the people were always ready to help answer any questions."

What's Next is an event for students to learn what is available to them, connect with mentors to facilitate decision making, and get support navigating the transition into adulthood. "It was a privilege to bring a group of seniors from across AISD to participate in the What's Next event," said Abilene ISD CTE Career Coach Elisha Seca. "The students ended the day feeling more empowered to make confident decisions for their futures."

For more information on the What's Next Senior Event, contact Bill Dean, Student HireAbility Navigator, at (325) 795-4310 or Bill.Dean@workforcesystem.org.

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