

The Bandera PROPHET

May 13, 2021

CORE Academy accepting registration now

The Career Opportunities Reflecting Excellence Academy is a four-day exploration program for youth to experience higher education and career choices. This program will provide youth an opportunity to explore career and leadership opportunities in a diverse global economy as well as learn about post-secondary degree institutions across Texas.

Our goal is to provide youth a connection to meet academic personnel that will help guide their career choices; meet with industry and business professionals to expose them to a variety of career paths in the areas of Hospitality and Tourism, Business and International Relations, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), Research programs, Wildlife Photography and Corporate careers.

The youth will also see the importance technology plays in the business industry. Many young people are unfamiliar with all the job opportunities that exist. One of the primary purposes of the CORE Academy is to provide them with a tour of some of the premier universities and businesses in South Texas.

While each university may offer unique degree programs, they will notice a similarity in the friendly outgoing instructors when it comes to education. Participants will tour Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University Kingsville, Omni Hotel Hospitality Department and receive career education information through SOARD Solutions (Drone Technology), Southern Roots Flower Market (international business industry), Coastal Water Activities and Marketing Careers.

Tour attendees will also be challenged in a variety of ways to improve their leadership and interviewing skills as well as build a stronger resume.

The 2021 academy will depart from the Kerr County Extension office in Kerrville on June 28 and return to the Kerr County Extension office on

July 1. The cost to participants for the four days is \$200 per participant and payment must be submitted with the application. Deadline to apply is May 15. Please contact the Bandera County Extension Office at 830-796-7755 or Jessica.faubion@ag.tamu.edu for the application or if you have any questions.

4-H members and non 4-H members that have a strong interest in this diverse tour who are incoming high school freshmen through incoming seniors are invited to apply and 30 youth will be selected. Non-4-H members must enroll in 4-H by May 21.