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

Abilene, Texas — Nearly 100 high school seniors attended the What's Next Senior Event hosted by Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas on Wednesday, March 29 at Cisco College in Abilene 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 attended workshops on topics such as resume building, money management, college opportunities, high-demand jobs, and more. A resource area 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. "I kind of had an idea of what I wanted to do, but wasn't really sure," said Wylie High School Senior Benjamin Turnbow. "I decided to come to the event to hear about more options."

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. While attending the High Demand, High Wage Jobs in West Central Texas workshop, Benjamin learned about salary comparisons, attributes for various in demand careers, and connections Workforce Solutions has to related companies and organizations. He then solidified a plan to pursue a career as an electrical lineman, and met with Western Texas College for information on how to apply. "This event gave me more confidence in solidifying my future," said Benjamin. "I am very glad I came today."

The Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board is charged with oversight and policy-making responsibility for local workforce and training programs. We are committed to strengthening the economic vitality of our 19-county region by investing in the success of residents and businesses. Our assistance and expertise are provided to both the job seeker and the employer. Visit our website at www.wfswct.org. Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities. Relay: 1-800-735-2989 (TTY) / 711 (voice). Programs/services are funded 94.5% with federal funds and 5.5% with non-federal funds.

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