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## **YOUNG JOB SEEKERS GET ADVICE FROM LOCAL PROFESSIONALS, ADMINISTRATORS**

SHILLINGTON, PA, APRIL 2011 - Governor Mifflin ninth graders preparing to secure summer jobs are honing their interview and application skills as part of a career preparation unit in Mrs. Katie Broskey and Mrs. Jennifer Leibowitz's Consumer Education business classes. After learning about proper interviewing etiquette, the students faced district administrators in a series of one-on-one mock job interviews in April. Dr. Mary Weiss, Dr. Daniel Bulinski, Mr. Eric Wolf and other staff members conducted the interviews and rated the students' performance and communication skills. For most students, this was their first interview experience. Students followed up with thank you letters to their interviewer.

About the experience, ninth grader Jimmy Rivera said, "Now that I had this mock interview, I know how to dress, answer questions and act." Classmate Natalie Hyneman added, "[The mock interview] was a very good experience and will greatly help me with interviews in the future. I now know what a real interview will be like when I choose to go for a job."

Following the mock interviews, guest speaker Holly Spotts, a recruiter for East Penn Manufacturing Company, visited students in Mrs. Broskey's class on April 13 to drive home the importance of making a good impression during the job application process. Citing examples from past experience, Spotts identified best practices and poor judgment in interviews and on job applications. The examples helped students understand the interests and objectives of the hiring company.

The business teachers coordinated the partnerships with non-teaching staff and local professionals to give students greater exposure to the work force. Throughout the year, students also have opportunities to meet with representatives from Gage Personnel Employment Agency, Wachovia, the Reading Hospital and a local credit union. Broskey said, "I think that it is important for professionals in the community to come into our Consumer Education course, because it gives the students a real-life perspective of how the information we learn in this course is and will be used in their futures. Students are able to not only listen to our guest speakers, but also interact with them and have any questions or comments addressed instantly on the spot."

The media is welcome to report on the Consumer Education job preparation program. To schedule a visit or interview, please contact Keri Morton at 610-775-1312 or [kmorton@gmsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kmorton@gmsd.k12.pa.us).

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