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April 18th: Partner Breakfast 8-9:30 am

Those that have completed our RSVP will receive a final email update the week before the breakfast.

Verkuilen-Van Deurzen Funeral Home:

Tess LaBorde & Alyssa Hutcherson



On Tuesday, March 12th, 2019, some of my classmates and I took the initiative to go on a career experience that not many people would like to be on. Alyssa Hutcherson, Hannah Jackson, Mason Pingle and I (Tess LaBorde) joined Mr. Pratt on a visit to the Verkuilen/VanDeurzen Funeral Home in Little Chute. The four of us are all deeply interested in careers having to do with

forensic science. Since we are still young, it is hard for us to go on many career explorations that have to do with this career branch. Because of this, we are very grateful for the opportunity to learn about something that involves the dead.



When we visited the funeral home, it was not at all what we expected.

When we first arrived, we introduced ourselves to Mr. Derek VanDeurzen, funeral home owner and director. We sat down and we had a chance to ask anything we wanted related to his career. Mr. VanDeurzen was very kind and answered our questions honestly and was able to elaborate a lot, which helped us have a clear understanding of what he does. Some of the questions we asked Mr. VanDeurzen were, "Would you recommend taking a psychology course for a career like this?", "What is the hardest part about your job?", "What type of schooling did you go through to do this career?" Mr. VanDeurzen answered all of our questions and even told us some of the things he has experienced while doing his job. After getting our questions answered, we were able to visit the room where the deceased are prepared for the funeral and their families. In the embalming room, we got to take a look at the chemicals that they pump into the bodies in order to keep them preserved. There was also makeup, preparation tables, and tools that are used during a funeral preparation. It was a great experience.

Even though a career in funeral homes doesn't directly tie into a career in forensic science, it was still a nice experience to go on. It is always good to look at different aspects of a career and make ties with people who might be



able to help you in the future. Thanks to Mr. VanDeurzen, some of us are actually considering doing what he does as a funeral home director. Overall this career experience was an eye opener. We learned that there is a lot more to forensic science than just the forensic pathologist, coroners, and morticians. We now know that there is so much more in our career path than just post mortem dissection. This career experience also gave us a chance to really see if we had the stomach for a career like this. Many people would get sick to their stomachs if they had entered a room where dead bodies have been sewn into, cut and pumped with chemical fluids, but for us, that is something we all find very intriguing. This career also helped us consider careers that were more on the scene. One of them being a CSI investigators.

In conclusion I, as well as my classmates, would like to give thanks to Mr. VanDeurzen. Because of him, we were able to go on an experience that has to do with our career. We hope to visit the funeral home again and maybe help him out in the future. We would also like to thank Mr. Pratt for setting this up for us. He knows how excited we have been to do something like this and without him we wouldn't have been able to go on such an amazing experience. Thank you!

Surface Mount Technology Corp.:

Caden Hurst

Our time at SMT was an amazing opportunity for career development. We started off discussing our futures with the CEO of the company Brian Lamers and some of his engineers. We were allowed to ask questions and learn about what is valuable from an education and employment standpoint. We learned a lot about what we should be focused on for our futures. After this conversation we went to visit a their lab. Getting to see what an actual workplace lab looked like interested many kids and made many more interested in pursuing the field of electrical engineering. In the lab we were shown some new headlights by Adam Hay and he talked us through what was special about those lights and a bit on the design process. We were shown some other very interesting projects they had done by Mario Falcone, such as a shower with great quantities of shower heads and large variation of setting between them. Also, we looked at an automated ice cream dispenser and we talked about how long both of these projects took and some of the design complications so we had a better idea of what dealing with issues in this field would entail. After we were done in the lab we were shown what they described as a smart home for a boat. It included many helpful features for boat owners so the had the ability to check on their boat from any location. They could check where the boat had been, if it had run, if any pumps were active, and the amount of fuel in the boat and many more features. It was very interesting to see one of the more high value projects that you might work on in that field and it was an extremely valuable experience. After we saw the smart home for a boat we looked at what the entire design process looked like and this was a much

bigger process than we had thought, there were many more steps beside just designing and finalization and these other less seen areas are a possible career choice for some of us and seeing these was quite interesting. Finally we met with Greg Goltz and Brian Lamers once again and talked about what we had seen throughout the day and we got to ask any of the questions we had remaining after seeing their facility. In this time we learned a lot and asked about many things such as the smaller projects and what customers were like.



This all would not have been possible without the time of all of the people that we got the chance to speak to and especially Brian Lamers. If it hadn't been for him we would never have had the chance to learn about careers and this path in our future in such a realistic manner. Our time was very enlightening and the time taken by all of the staff was appreciated.

Marian University Career Experience:

Kaitlyn Kerrigan

On March 22nd, eleven students including myself attended a career experience at Marian University in Fond Du Lac. After arriving, we got to know one another at the event and continued our day by receiving information on three different topics: nursing, exercise and sport science, and radiologic technology. We were given the opportunity to watch a senior in her fourth semester at Marian University perform tasks on a high-tech mannequin used for simulations. The

radiological technology presenter, Brian Joachim, explained the different types of radiological technicians. He was able to show previous case studies of patients, one being a fluoroscopy of a stent being placed into a blood vessel. Joachim also presented on a rotation of a CT scan, showing that the patient had internal bleeding in his chest. Shortly after that, we were able to interact with Dr. Sean Fitzpatrick, the presenter on exercise and sport science. As a group, we obtained information on careers such as physical therapists, athletic trainers, and strength and conditioning coaches. Along with that, we worked on how to breathe correctly, especially during times of stress. Lastly, we received a lot of helpful information of the campus itself and other things to keep in mind for the future from one of the administrators at Marian University.

Student's in the Spotlight:































