



- What:** Career Discovery 2017 Career Expo  
East Alabama Workforce Investment Network, Inc. (EAWIN), dba Central AlabamaWorks, Region 5
- When:** Thursday, September 14 and Friday, September 15, 2017
- Where:** Southern Union State Community College, Opelika Campus
- Who's Invited:** Over 5,000 Eighth Grade Students from Autauga, Bullock, Chambers, Coosa, Dallas, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Perry, Russell, and Tallapoosa counties

On September 14 and 15, 2017, over 5,000 students, teachers, counselors, parent chaperones, volunteers, sponsors, partners, and exhibitors, will converge on the Southern Union State Community College, Opelika Campus for the Career Discovery 2017 Career Expo. Eighth grade students from throughout Region 5, will have an opportunity to visit their favorite industry sectors and learn about careers available close to home.

An annual project, the Career Discovery Career Expo pulls together regional industries and businesses within their respective industry sectors to highlight and create hands-on interactions that link careers to the classroom. The planning committee for Career Discovery 2017 includes business and industry representatives, career technical directors from school systems in Region 5, representatives from regional colleges and universities, chambers of commerce, economic developers, career coaches, high school counselors, and community leaders. Our primary partner for Career Discovery 2017 is Southern Union State Community College.

Your school's participation in Career Discovery 2017 is an opportunity to enrich the lives of your eighth grade students and help build our future workforce. Enclosed with this correspondence are a Career Discovery 2017 Quick Facts and a Career Discovery School Participation Form - Preliminary, which you should complete and return via email to Eric Sewell at [esewell@suscc.edu](mailto:esewell@suscc.edu) by **May 1, 2017**. Please base your preliminary estimates on your number of seventh graders who will attend Career Discovery 2017 as eighth graders. The Career Discovery School Participation Form - Final should be completed by **August 15, 2017** and return via email to Eric Sewell. The fillable PDF Career Discovery 2017 School Participation Forms are available on line at [www.career-discovery.org](http://www.career-discovery.org) or you can submit the school sign-up on line.

In addition, we have planned a Career Discovery 2017 College and Career Event for high school students, which will be held on September 14, 2017, 2:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CST), Southern Union State Community College, Opelika Campus

Prior to Career Discovery 2017, your eighth grade teachers will receive resource and logistics materials and Career Discovery 2017 Student Guides.

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