

## News Release

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### Wisconsin moving ahead with academic and career planning

MADISON — Wisconsin is moving ahead with academic and career planning activities that will help students prepare for the future through an education conference during the Nov. 16-20 observance of National Career Development Week.

The inaugural Academic and Career Planning Leadership Conference (Nov. 16 and 17 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point) will bring together more than 100 school district teams from across the state. Conference attendees will listen to speakers and panel presentations that will help them infuse career readiness and development activities in their schools, serving students in grades six through 12. Sessions will feature information on mentoring students for career development, comparing postsecondary options, connections to assessment, scope and sequence for career development, as well as breakout sessions on getting started in rural, urban, and suburban districts.

“Response to the conference was overwhelming,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “Educators are eager to strengthen connections between academic coursework and careers and to build more relationships with business and industry to ensure our kids graduate college and career ready.”

In 2014, the Wisconsin Legislature allocated \$1.1 million in a continuing appropriation to the Department of Public Instruction to support implementation of academic and career planning statewide. Academic and Career Planning, or ACP, is a student-driven, adult-supported process in which students create and cultivate their own unique and information-based vision for postsecondary success, obtained through self-exploration, career exploration, and the development of career management and planning skills. The process values all postsecondary routes, including military service, apprenticeship, certification, technical college, and university education as well as recognizing that people move in and out of different routes throughout life.

For those unable to attend the conference or wanting a refresher on a topic presentation, keynote speakers and ACP Pilot School Panel sessions will be recorded and posted on the conference website (<http://dpi.wi.gov/acp/events/leadership-conference>) along with other session presentation materials.

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**NOTES:** More information about Academic and Career Planning can be found at <http://dpi.wi.gov/acp>. This news release is available electronically at [http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2015\\_112.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2015_112.pdf).