

The 2014 MLET Student Internship program kicked off with a Meet and Greet event Thursday, January 23rd. Fourteen companies open their doors to 16 Savannah-Chatham Public School System and Effingham County high school interns.

Logistics Businesses Open Doors to Student Interns 2014 Maritime Logistics Education Taskforce Internship Program Begins

Savannah, GA. – The Maritime Logistics Education Taskforce (MLET) officially kicked off the 2014 Student Internship program Thursday, January 23, 2014 with a Meet and Greet event. Student interns from both Savannah-Chatham County Public School System and Effingham County School District met for the first time with their assigned companies.

"MLET members worked with school work-based coordinators in promoting the program and encouraging students to apply. Criteria for the program was not necessarily the straight 'A' student, but someone with passion and aptitude to work in a dynamic and exciting industry," said Dave "Fish" Mihuta, Sales and Customer Service Representative, Freightliner of Savannah and MLET President. "By exposing students to new opportunities, we hope to inspire them to go on and do great things with in their careers."

Sixteen high school students have been paired with 14 companies and begin work within the next month. Students will spend a maximum of 200 hours over the course of 10 weeks at logistics providers learning hands-on processes to move and manage cargo.

Prior to the kick-off event, students endured a series of soft-skills workshops including body language and eye contact; résumé and cover letter writing; online job searches; dressing for success; and mock interviews.

"This is an opportunity that many of us in the working world wish we had exposure to when we were in high school," said McLeod Rominger, Sales Representative, Enmark Stations/Colonial Group and MLET Vice President. "This is a cool program that we believe will give students a leg up on their peers and prepare them for entry into a competitive job market."

More than 50 students, parents, educators and business partners attended the event at Savannah Technical College Crossroads Technology Campus. Presentation remarks were provided by Dr. Angie Lewis, CTAE Director, Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, and Travis Nesmith, Director of High school Programs, Effingham College & Career Academy.

About MLET

The Maritime Logistics Education Taskforce (MLET) was formed in partnership with the Propeller Club-Port of Savannah, Savannah Traffic Club, Savannah Maritime Association, IFFCBA, Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals and the Navy League Savannah Council. MLET's mission is to reach, educate and grow the current and future workforce of the logistics and maritime industry in Savannah and surrounding coastal areas.

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2014 Interns

Campbell, Nygeria Groves H.S.

Carter, Charles Woodville Tompkins H.S.

Dasher, Nicholas South Effingham H.S.

Eaton, Brad Johnson H.S.
Free, Tyrone Groves H.S.
Green, Leroy Groves H.S.
Jeffers, Morgan Effingham H.S.
Johnson, Kiawanna Effingham H.S.
Le, Kevin Jenkins H.S.

Leonard, James Woodville Tompkins / Islands H.S.

McClellan, Aaron Jenkins H.S. Plunkett, Adasha Groves H.S.

Robinson, Christopher Woodville Tompkins H.S. Schoonover, Cole South Effingham H.S.

Sizemore, Kenneth Effingham H.S. Truell, Vernard Tevin Johnson H.S.