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Local students job shadow at SSG

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MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE - GUNTER ANNEX, Ala. – It was definitely a learning experience for the 25 students who visited Standard Systems Group as part of the annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day recently.

The job shadowing program, which is coordinated by the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, is an important part of the School-to-Career education initiative that combines work-based learning experiences with classroom instruction. Through shadowing, students are provided with a realistic perspective of the world of work, a better idea of the educational goals needed to attain their chosen profession, and a greater perspective on how their school courses will relate to their future in the real world of work.

“I learned that the Air Force is not just for the military but civilians as well ... and they work as a team,” said Kenitha Gunn, a Lanier High School senior.

During their visit, the students learned about how SSG operates to include: software development, product acquisition and web design. “This was pretty nice, we learned all about IP

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addresses and how they work,” said Mackenzie Felder, a senior from Lee High School. Additionally, students were given advice about career decisions as well as information about internships.

According to Marcie Rhodes, SSG Shadow Program coordinator and co-chair for the School-to-Career program, of the 91 organizations that participated throughout the city, SSG ranked second in the city after Baptist Hospital, which had 118 students total.

“This is really a worthwhile event that gives students a glimpse of what working in the "real world" is like,” said Ms. Rhodes. “I’m really grateful to the individuals that volunteered their time and resources to make this a success.”

the results that of the command ... we are getting and staying fit,” said Ms. Cherry.

Those who failed the fitness test are required to attend the Force on Resistance Conditioning Exercise Program (FORCE), which began Feb 17. The class is held every Tuesday through Thursday from 6-7 a.m. at the Gunter Fitness Center. According to Ms. Cherry, the FORCE training is based on circuit training, and she is already seeing positive results from those attending. “While the class is primarily for those who did not do well on the fitness test, it is open to anyone who wants a good workout,” she said.