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Brew Tech Students Job Shadow at SSG

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE-GUNTER ANNEX, Ala— The focus was on technology when the Standard Systems Group hosted 40 students from Brewbaker Technical Magnet High School as part of the annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

Job shadowing 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.

“Before coming here, I thought the Air Force was just about planes,” said Shannon Bly, a junior whose career goal is to become a pharmacist or lawyer. “Now I know that the Air Force is really about technology.”

During their visit, the student guests were kept busy with many interactive activities, including software development, product acquisition and web design.

“I learned some things that I’ll use at home,” Shana Hardy, a sophomore with plans to be a forensic pathologist. “I may consider joining the Air Force now.”

“This event gives students the opportunity to see what working in the "real world" is like,” Marcie Rhodes, SSG Shadow Program coordinator and co-chair for the School-to-Career program, said. “It also helps them make more informed career choices. “

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