

Students From Three Counties Look Into Careers  
Fifty Training Institutions on Hand  
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Three seniors from Yuba City High School surrounded a table inside the Main Exhibit Hall at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds on Thursday morning.

The Yuba City facility hosted the Sutter County One-Stop's Tri-County Career Day, in which students from Colusa, Sutter and Yuba counties had the opportunity to interface with representatives from more than 50 training institutions, including universities, business colleges and technical schools.

"We really work with those in the 17 to 24 (age) category, who are transitioning to long-term careers," said Susan Odegard, Business Workforce Specialist with the Sutter County One Stop. "We invite young people to look at their goals, and try to stay within a commuting distance, also."

The Yuba City senior students, Andrea Coronado, Juanita Mendoza and Christina Arellano, were gathered around the booth for Sutter Beauty College, picking up pamphlets and looking at makeup and hairstyle samples.

"I wanted to take beauty classes, and maybe do hair on the side while I'm going to school," said Coronado, who plans to become a dentist. "Then if you move around, you can get a job anywhere cutting hair."

Both Coronado and Mendoza are planning to go to MTI College in Sacramento – Coronado to work on her dentistry degree and Mendoza to become a fashion designer.

"I really like the idea that even if you go to MTI for two years, and you find out you don't like the job you were going to do, you can go to another university and use those credits," Coronado explained.

Arellano plans to go to the local beauty college right after high school, she said.

Several students lined up at the U.S. Army booth to shoot virtual targets and try to score points by throwing a football through a hole; and a large group gathered at the Yuba City Police Department's SWAT vehicle.

Hundreds of chattering students milled through the large hall and stopped to get pens, notepad and information form several college representatives, including the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, the University of Phoenix and the California Criminalistics Institute at the State Department of Justice.

The Career Day is different from the job fair that the One-Stop hosts each year, Odegard said.