

## School To Work Day<sup>©</sup> Program

## **Overview**

The *Dale Caldwell Foundation's Classroom Press Conference*<sup>TM</sup> (*CPC*) has successfully introduced thousands of students to role models and careers that they otherwise would never know about. The *CPC* program is a fantastic introduction for the world's future leaders. To build on the tremendous insights students gain from the *CPC* program, Dr. Dale Caldwell created the international *School-To-Work Day*<sup>©</sup> (*STWD*) program. This innovative initiative has enabled thousands of students to visit a work place to learn what the world of work is really like.

Unfortunately, in many urban school districts in America, more than 50% of the students drop out of high school. These students all too often cannot read at grade level. In addition, they frequently fall prey to the temptation of the streets and end up unemployed, in prison or worse. The *Dale Caldwell Foundation (DCF)* is focused on helping these "at risk" students by establishing literacy programs that supplement public school education and innovative career programs designed to help individuals of all ages find and succeed in careers.

School-To-Work Day is one of DCF's most successful innovative employment training initiatives. This international program was previously known as "Take Your Community-To-Work Day." However, the name was changed to one that better describes the program and can be easily translated into other languages. During this day, students (grades 4-12) visit companies and gain exposure to careers that they otherwise might never know about. STWD was created to be a "hands-on" activity designed to motivate students to pursue rewarding careers in business and the professions and inspire corporations to set up internships with high school students from the participating school districts.

## **Background**

The program was first operated by Dr. Dale G. Caldwell and Tim Washington at Deloitte & Touche (the international auditing, tax and management consulting

firm). It was expanded to a global program with the help of Dexter Bridgeman the Founder of *Mentor Magazine*.

During the first **STWD**, Deloitte & Touche invited middle-school students from Newark and Jersey City into their offices and exposed these students to interactive audit, tax, and management consulting training modules. The success of this program inspired Dr. Caldwell to team with *Mentor Magazine*, Deloitte & Touche LLP and United Airlines to establish *School-To-Work Day* around the world.

As indicated in the list on the next page, companies in eleven countries (including over 70 US cities) have participated in the program. Organizations like United Airlines, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Texaco, Rohm & Haas, Marriott, Hilton Hotels, ILIFF School of Theology, City National Bank, Dobbs, Clark-Atlanta Business School and many others helped to change the lives of students.

## Starting a Program

Students from all over the world stated that they are now considering careers as accountants, airline pilots, engineers, management consultants, flight attendants, computer programmers, lawyers, marketing executives, financial officers, human resources directors and bank managers because of their participation in the *STWD* program. To date the program has taken place in the following locations:

Albuquerque, New Mexico Anchorage, Alaska

Atlanta, Georgia

Auckland, New Zealand

Birmingham, Alabama

Boise, Idaho

Boston, Massachusetts Cedar Rapids, Iowa Charlotte, North Carolina

Chicago, Illinois

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Columbus, Ohio
Dallas, Texas
Dayton, Ohio
Denver, Colorado
De Moines, Iowa
Des Plains, Illinois
Detroit, Michigan
Durham, North Carolina

Elk Grove, Illinois

Eugene, Oregon

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Fort Myers, Florida

Forth Worth, Texas

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Greensboro, North Carolina

Hong Kong, China

Honolulu, Hawaii

Houston, Texas

Indianapolis, Indiana

Jacksonville, Florida

Kansas City, Missouri

Kingston, Jamaica

Knoxville, Tennessee

Lake Tahoe, Nevada

Las Vegas, Nevada

Lincoln, Nebraska

London, England

Los Angeles, California

Memphis, Tennessee

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Monterey, California

Nashville, Tennessee New Brunswick, New Jersey

New York, New York
Newark, New Jersey
Norfolk, Virginia
Oakland, California
Omaha, Nebraska
Orlando, Florida
Parlin, New Jersey
Paris, France

Parsippany, New Jersey Phoenix, Arizona

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Portland, Oregon

Raleigh, North Carolina

Reno, Nevada Richmond, Virginia

**Rio de Janeiro, Brazil** Rockford, Illinois

Sacramento, California

Saginaw, Michigan Santa Barbara, California

St. Louis, Missouri
Salt Lake City, Utah
San Antonio, Texas
San Diego, California
San Jose, California
Seattle, Washington
Spokane, Washington
Stamford, Connecticut
Sydney, Australia
Taine, Taiwan

Sydney, Australia
Taipe, Taiwan
Tampa, Florida
Tokyo, Japan
Toronto, Canada
Vancouver, Canada
Washington, DC

West Palm Beach, Florida White Plains, New York

Wichita, Kansas

The *Dale Caldwell Foundation* would like to work with major corporations to develop a *STWD* program for their company. If you are interested in learning more about *DCF* or the *STWD* program, please contact *DCF* Executive Director Jennifer Demetrius at (800) 838-8414 or email her at info@dalecaldwell.org.