

Finger Lakes Career Day draws hundreds of students to Geneva

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The Geneva Recreation Center buzzed with energy last Friday as more than 700 students and community members poured in for the 2nd Annual Finger Lakes Career Day, a growing regional event that connects students with future college and career pathways.



With over 70 participating businesses, colleges, and career programs, students from 20 different school districts were given the chance to explore options for life after

graduation — all in one place.

“Our goal is to give students an opportunity to kick-start their professional journey,” said Ray Ciancaglini, founder of The Second Impact, a nonprofit that helps youth in the Finger Lakes. “To give them a chance to network with business leaders and college representatives in a meaningful way.”

The event was powered by a broad partnership. Ciancaglini’s organization assembled a team that included Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes, the Geneva Recreation Department, Geneva’s fire and police departments, and local vendor Tommy T’s Tables and Chairs.

Frank Capozzi Jr., executive director of Catholic Charities, emphasized the value of bringing such a wide range of options together under one roof. “There are few events that provide this array of opportunities in one day to students in the Finger Lakes,” Capozzi said. “Current high school students want choices, and this event gives them exposure to endless options for their future.”

Organizers already have plans to return next year, with improvements in the works. “The kids had an exciting time and that is what truly matters,” Ciancaglini said. “We cannot thank [the school districts and participants] enough.”

For more information, visit www.thesecondimpact.com or www.catholiccharitiesfl.org.