

Area students attend JobCon in Fabens

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—Adrienne Martinez

A makeup model from the Red Door Vintage poses with sophomore Emily Serna.

FABENS – Workforce Solutions Borderplex hosted its JobCon East Career Event at Fabens High School on Thursday, August 30. Approximately 500 students from Fabens ISD, Clint ISD, Tornillo ISD, Fort Hancock ISD and Sierra Blanca ISD attended the event to learn about career opportunities in the region as well as the skills necessary to acquire high-demand jobs. El Paso Electric Company, El Paso Police Department, US Border Patrol, Walgreens, and Raytheon were among the 28 major employers present. The goal of the event was to offer a broad array of industries for students to explore in an interactive setting.

Fabens High School Principal Ruben Carrillo was impressed by the employer turnout as well as the students' energy. "It's important to catch a student's interest early on by exposing them to numerous career options," Carrillo said. "If a student interacts with a medical exhibit and finds that there's where their passion lies, they can begin on their career pathway in high school, which gives them an early advantage."

FHS seniors were invited to attend a workshop by GECU about available careers as well as the importance of maintaining one's credit score. FedEx also presented to seniors, discussing with them the different career pathways available for growing with the company.

For students with more eccentric interests, the Red Door Vintage shop set up their booth to feature a special effects model. The store sells vintage woman's clothing and accessories, but also specializes in costume design, make up and props. Sophomore Emily Serna felt motivated after seeing the exhibit. "I began thinking about doing theatrical makeup last year when I started high school and joined the One-Act play," Serna said. "I think it's cool to see that there are professionals who work in makeup close to my hometown. It makes my goal seem more real to me. It shows me that just because I live in a small town doesn't mean I can't have big dreams."

