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WTC Students Interact with Delta Dental Employees to Learn About Careers

Students from a variety of programs at the Wilson Talent Center (WTC) have recently been interacting with professionals from Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana to learn about different career paths they may want to explore. During these virtual interactions, students are able to hear from professionals in a field they are interested in, ask questions about how staff got into the profession and learn about what their jobs look like on a daily basis.

As an example, students from the WTC's Programming & Mobile Applications class heard from enterprise application architects, New Media students interacted with a Senior Multimedia Design & Creative Specialist and the Business & Risk Managements students engaged with Delta Dental's Director of Risk Management.

"Learning through hands-on experience and talking with folks who are entrenched in the field every day is incredibly valuable," says Lisa Nguyen, Special Projects and Public Relations Officer at Delta Dental. "It allows students to ask questions about real life situations and start thinking about the skills needed to enter the workforce seamlessly and with the right mindset," Nguyen also noted.

"We appreciate the professionals at Delta Dental taking an interest in our students and offering their time to meet with them to share these valuable career experiences," notes Joe Wenzel, Principal at the WTC. "Allowing students the opportunity to hear directly from those in the trenches of career fields the students are exploring, is invaluable to their learning experiences here at the WTC," Wenzel also noted.

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The Wilson Talent Center, operated by Ingham Intermediate School District, offers programs for high school juniors and seniors who reside in Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. Applications are also accepted from Lansing School District, Fowlerville Community Schools and Eaton and Clinton County schools. For more information, visit <u>Wilson Talent Center</u> (www.inghamisd.org/wtc). ###