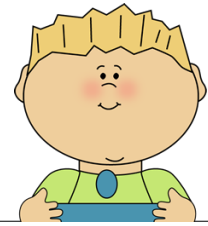




OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD PRESIDENT



MORE THAN

1,752

STUDENTS

In our community



Dear Supporters,

We are proud to present this year's annual report as a celebration of Victoria Business and Education Coalition's far reaching impact

on our students, teachers and community.

VBEC offers an array of dynamic and innovative programs that enhance the educational experiences of children throughout the Victoria region. The impact we are making in this community transcends through our youth.

VBEC's motto is "**Guiding Youth to a Brighter Future**" which conveys a message that we believe the work we are accomplishing, together with community supporters like you, not only strengthens and inspires our youth, but also contributes positively to the development of our entire community. Your support is essential to our success.

Mission: To bring business and community members together to help students complete high school prepared for the workforce, higher education or training.

Vision: Business and education working together to help create a productive workforce in the Victoria area.

Thank you,

Lanell Mantey

Executive Director



PROGRAMS

Mentor
Connect

Junior
Achievement

Dream Big
STEM Expo

Youth
Leadership
Conference



MENTOR CONNECT

YOUR SCHOOLS YOUR COMMUNITY

MORE THAN

138

STUDENTS
are being
mentored by

130

MENTORS

We were successful this year in providing academic and life skill assistance to students in 1st – 12th grade, with the supportive guidance to help them be successful in their school, college, and workplace goals.

In 2017, some of our high school Students we served were accepted into college. It was the time and commitment of their mentors that encouraged these students to take this big step. Last year, **80%** of the students demonstrated overall **improvement** .



YouTube:

Please visit the link below and hear from students and mentors the impact of the program.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65ogierejuM&t=1s>)



5

Schools



130

Mentors



2308

Volunteer Hrs.



138

Mentees

MORE THAN
386
 3rd-12th Grade students
 participated
24
 different business speakers

Junior Achievement

We are excited to bring the Junior Achievement program into our schools. Our business partners served as volunteers, in teaching Work readiness, how economics Affects their lives, and the Importance of personal financial literacy.



JA is offered in all grade levels in helping prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, how to create jobs which make their communities more robust, and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace.



24

Speakers



170

Volunteer Hrs.



386

Students





MORE THAN
115
 7TH GRADE AND HIGH
 SCHOOL YOUTH ATTEND
 ALONG WITH
21 SPEAKERS

Inspiring our youth to have good character and the confidence to lead is the goal of the **YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**. Incoming 7th grade students learn about setting goals, characteristics of a leader, being good stewards in the community, and that good manners do make a difference.

We encouraged the development of leadership skills through fun and exciting activities in the first week of Jun 2017. We assessed their leadership abilities based on observations of their skills in communication, achieving goals, demonstrating success, and situational awareness.



Our sponsor, Pioneer Natural Resource, awarded an outstanding student leader of the week with a \$500 scholarship. We are very proud to see our students succeed!



80

Students



2,200

Volunteer Hrs.



65

Volunteers



21

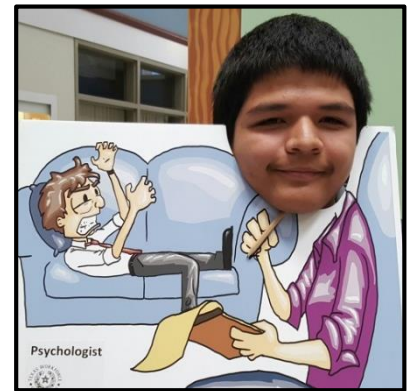
Speakers



MORE THAN
1,113
 8TH Grade students
 participated
25
 different business speakers

Dream Big STEM Expo showcase career opportunities in the **Victoria** region and gives 8th grade students exposure to various career courses available to them at the Career and Technology Institute.

The two-day expo gives students the opportunity to explore and talk to professionals that can answer questions and provide guidance About career options and Expectations so they could be better Prepared for the future.



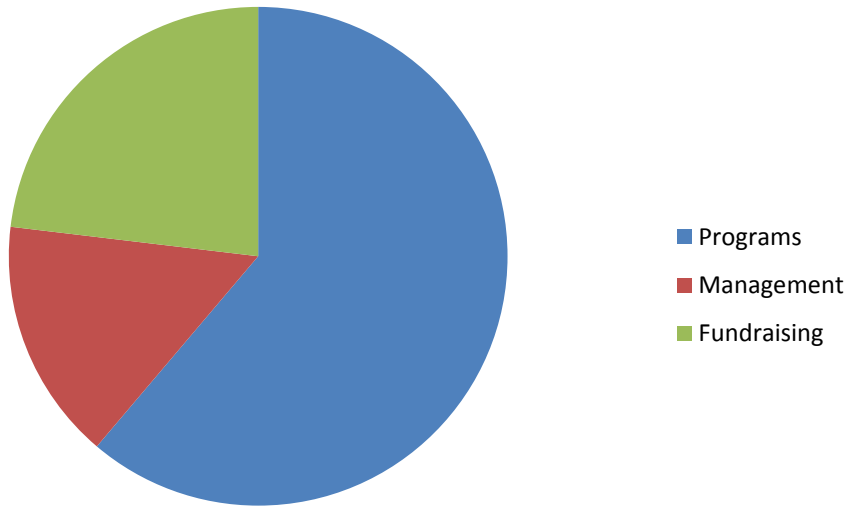
76
 Presentations

25
 Industries

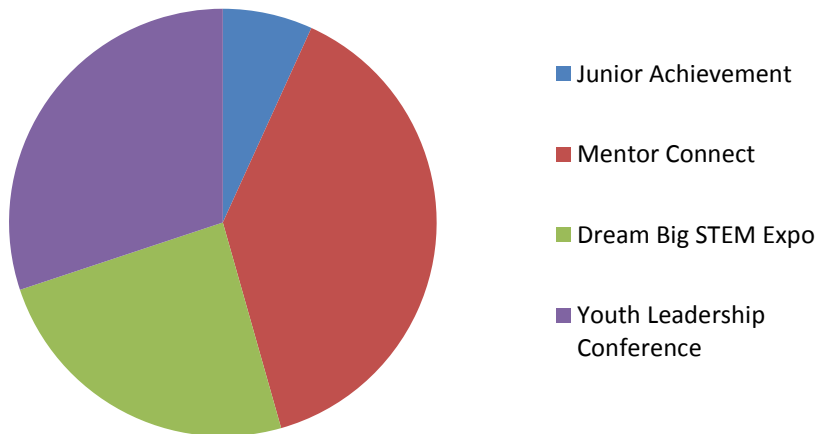
300
 Volunteer Hrs.

1,113
 Students

Functional Expenses



Program Percentage



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