

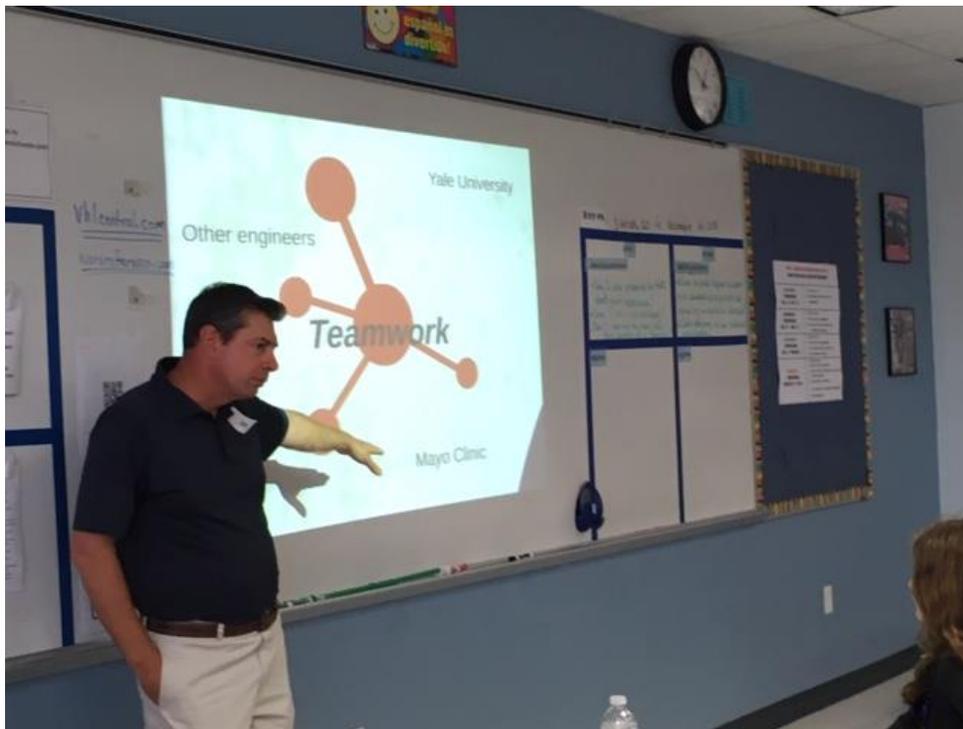
Sophomores -- Focusing on Career and College

Career and college readiness is the focus of the many aspects of Lorenzo Walker Technical High School; yet, this is especially true for sophomores this year who are participating in a series of half-day workshops to help them begin to think about their career and college choices.

LWTHS sophomores apply for entry into one of more than 30 technical areas in the spring of 2019 for their junior year tech-area placements. In addition, qualifying sophomores advance their education by moving into dual enrollment classes. "Sitting next to adults in our post-secondary school - Lorenzo Walker Technical College -- or taking college-level classes with older students takes focus, both academically and socially," said Principal Jeff Rexford. "Our sophomore college-career workshops are a strong step forward in helping students develop the career-college skills they will need."

Recognizing a need to help students be successful in college and career training, LWTHS's 10th grade teachers organized a series of half-day workshops in areas including: student skills assessment, scholarship criteria, employability skills, career offerings, guest speakers on careers in information processing, service industry, new business start-up and more. In addition, students begin to hone their "soft skills" with workshops on speaking and collaborating in the workplace.

The 10th grade teaching team includes: Vanessa Alvarez, Dave Gabriel, Rita Kentros, team leader Dulcie Neiman, Elizabeth Nixon, Maryann O'Brien, Lindsay Simmons, who spearheaded the workshop concept, Brian Turner, and math coach Kathleen Sullivan.



Scott Sherman of Arthrex reviews important criteria for workplace success.



Students hear first-hand about the rewards and challenges of starting their own business from Dani Taverna proprietor of DMA cosmetics.



Juan Vegas and Victoria Gabriel (not pictured) from Moorings Park share the benefits and many career opportunities from health care to culinary to marketing in the senior living industry.



Technical Director Chris Barr of John R. Wood Properties reviews the many different job options within the network support field.