



## Futures in Technology Student Expo : A Big Success

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Friday, March 11, 2005 Connecticut Career Choices and the University of New Haven hosted a technology expo that allowed 350 students from across the state to learn about the latest technologies in Connecticut and the academic paths and careers that accompany them.

There were over sixty presenters and exhibitors at the expo, and each student had the opportunity to go through the main exhibit hall and attend two breakout sessions. There was a wide range of businesses represented at the event, which gave students a chance to see how important technology is to our economy and how broad of a line of work it really is. The event successfully showcased the fact that technology is everywhere and present in most fields.

The students were welcomed by Larry McHugh, President of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, Ira Kleinfeld, Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies at the University of New Haven, and Jon Swift from the Office for Workforce Competitiveness. The keynote address was given by Dr. Chris Kalish from GE Edgelab. He spoke to his audience about the generation of new technologies and launched their interest for the day by showing slides and touching upon cutting edge technology.

Some of the featured exhibitors at the event included WFSB Channel 3 Eyewitness News, the U.S. Air Force, Nursing Career Center of CT, and a number of state universities. The students not only learned about the latest in cutting edge technologies within Health Care and Information Technology fields, they also had the opportunity to learn about academic paths necessary to attain certain professions within many different fields.

While visitng the exhibit booths, students gathered information and later incorporated what they learned into their final assignment. Three outstanding submissions will be selected and those three students will each win an iPod Shuffle as a grand prize.



allowed the students to participate in a forensic science experiment using DNA fingerprinting to solve a mystery of stolen artwork. They performed gel electrophoresis by making, pouring and loading their own gel to learn about color migration from paint samples.

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