

# Career News For Educators



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**Welcome.....**

to the summer edition of Career News from Turning Point.



Do you have a student or know of a potential entrepreneur in your school? *The Workforce Development Alliance (WDA) and Region IV Development Association* have launched a beta test web site, *Idaho Entrepreneurial Advantage, [IdEAHelp](#)*. This is an on-line resource designed specifically for individuals with ideas or inventions that they want to turn into a business.

The site will be in “test” mode through late September, where southern Idaho entrepreneurs and related service providers can sign up, use the site and provide feedback. Once the site is refined as a result of this feedback, [IdEAHelp](#) will be the most comprehensive source available to help entrepreneurs, innovators and inventors across Idaho transform their unique ideas into businesses.

Users will find that the site provides a variety of tools that will support, assist and guide them through the many steps necessary toward creating a business – from idea assessment, feasibility, developing a business model, small business start up guide, to creating an executive summary for potential investors – and accessing local service providers to help them during each stage of the process.

“We’ve helped numerous entrepreneurs through the complex web of starting a business venture,” said Rick Ritter, president

of Idaho TechConnect. “There was never one place where we could go or direct our clients to that would help them through this process which often seemed overwhelming. [IdEAHelp](#) is the only model that finally puts all the pieces together in one place for Idaho’s entrepreneurs,” he said.

Encourage your potential entrepreneurs to log on today to: [www.IdEAHelp.net](http://www.IdEAHelp.net) or contact Rick Ritter, Idaho TechConnect at 208-870-0674.

### ***Regional Professional Technical Programs and Academies Offered in Area High Schools***

There are many ways for high school students to earn college credits through high school high-end professional technical programs and academies.

There are numerous professionally advanced programs in eight of our area high schools that provides students with outstanding career training in numerous fields. Various programs offer online or hands on credit that teach specialized skills toward industry certifications. Students that complete these programs can enter the workforce immediately at earn up to \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year. Credits can also apply as college credits. Programs offered are as follows:

- [Buhl High School](#): Automotive Technology
- [Cassia Regional Professional Technical Center](#): Automotive Technology, Electronics, Health Occupations and Residential Construction

- [Gooding High School](#): Health Professions and Cabinetry/Millwork
- [Jerome High School](#): Information Technology
- [Kimberly High School](#): Information Technology
- [Minico High School](#): Diesel Mechanics, Information Technology, Health Occupations and Residential Construction
- [Twin Falls High School](#): Business Marketing/ Finance Academy and Information Technology
- [Canyon Ridge High School](#): Automated Manufacturing and Health Professions
- [Wood River High School](#): Architectural/ Mechanical Design, Business and Finance Communications-Technical, Culinary Arts, Information Technology, Medical Technologies, Performing Arts, Teaching and Jim Woodyard Residential Construction

Programs and instructors are industry certified and many courses provide both high school and/or dual credit College of Southern Idaho credits. Classroom instruction and on-line courses are available.

Students who participate in these programs will have the option of applying for jobs in their chosen field and/or continuing with post-secondary education. Graduates will find meaningful jobs that provide good beginning pay with opportunities for advancement.

For more information about the Technical programs and Academies offered at Magic Valley high schools, log on to:

[ARTEC Regional Professional Technical Charter School](http://www.artec.org)

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