

Blue Ridge Community College

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What would it be like to conduct a forensic investigation at the scene of a crime, go “on the air” to host a radio program, or help someone understand their medical options? Area high school juniors will have the opportunity on Monday to talk with professionals who actually do these things, as well as a host of other career representatives from Accounting to Welding, at the 33rd Annual Career Day for High School Juniors. Career Day will take place Monday, October 10, from 9 to 11 a.m. on the Blue Ridge Community College Flat Rock Campus. Approximately 900 students from area high schools will participate this year along with 45 professionals working in a variety of career fields. The purpose of the event is to encourage students to explore their career interests by interviewing people who work in these fields. Students will choose three career areas and spend 25-minute group sessions with each career representative. These professionals will explain the nature of their work, a typical workday, educational requirements, what kind of salary range to expect and other valuable information about the career. Students are encouraged to ask questions and, where appropriate, to discuss possibilities for shadowing experiences, internships or apprenticeships.

On Sunday, October 16, the Highland Sports Car Club, along with the Society of Automotive Engineers student club at BRCC, will host Autocross School in the Patton parking lot. So, what is autocross? It’s a safe, performance-handling experience in which participants learn how to quickly maneuver one’s car around a course marked by pylons in an open parking lot. Drivers compete against the clock, with one to three drivers on the course at any one time. Cars are kept a safe distance from each other. No modifications are necessary to one’s car to compete. For more information, visit www.highlandssportscarclub.com.

For those Elvis fans out there, don’t forget Tuesday evening’s presentation “Discovering Elvis: Tracing Traditions to the Soul of the King” 7:30 p.m. in the Patton Auditorium. Admission is \$10 for this program sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council. Through background information on his youth, along with the important contributions of renegade Memphians such as Dewey and Sam Phillips, presenter Billy Stevens puts the social and historic context of Elvis’ remarkable success into perspective.

Also this week, the College will host the Chamber of Commerce’s annual Business Expo on Thursday from 12 to 6 p.m. in the Conference Hall. It’s a great opportunity to gain a lot of information quickly about area businesses and their products and services offered. And the whole family will be able to come out to get their flu shots at the Family and Community Flu Clinic being held on Friday, October 14 from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, October 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. also at the Conference Hall.