

Office of Governor Brian Sandoval

# 2018 Student Workforce & Innovation Summit *Post-Summit Report*

Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation for a New Nevada (OWINN)

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#### **SUMMARY**

176 high school seniors from seven local area high schools participated in the 2018 Student Workforce & Innovation Summit on May 11, 2018, an event held at the Clark County Government Center and organized by the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation for a New Nevada (OWINN) in partnership with the Clark County School District, Career and Technical Education Division. The Summit targeted high school seniors who are about to enter the workforce who may not have a plan or are not confident that the current plan they have post high school will come to fruition.

### The Summit's key objectives were the following:

- 1. Connect high school seniors to quality employers and training programs
- 2. Connect high school seniors to workforce support services to build their career
- 3. Provide professional development opportunity and awareness to students before entering the workforce

Over the course of the day-long conference, students attended the Careers & Resource Expo where they interacted with dozens of local employers and training providers across various industry sectors such as construction, manufacturing, IT, and hospitality, to explore job and career options. Several community providers that provide training resources were also present to provide information to students.

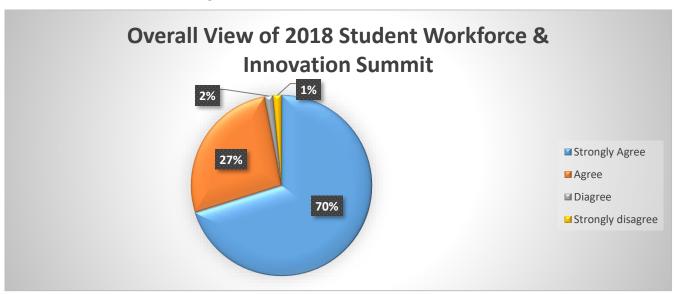
In between networking with employers and training providers, students participated in several professional development breakout sessions. A representative from Nevada JobConnect hosted a session on how to properly write a resume. IMAGO, a company that provides digital curricula and professional training on social-emotional learning and career readiness, held a session on the importance of soft skills and job experience.

Outside of the summit venue, students visited and participated in songwriting and multimedia activity in The John Lennon Educational Tour Bus, an organization committed to reaching youth through music and video.

# **Student Summit Data**

Students provided feedback on their summit experience after the conference. Surveys were passed out and returned from 67 students. The following are the survey's key takeaways:

1. 87% of the students who responded agreed or strongly agreed that the Student Workforce & Innovation Summit was a good use of their time.



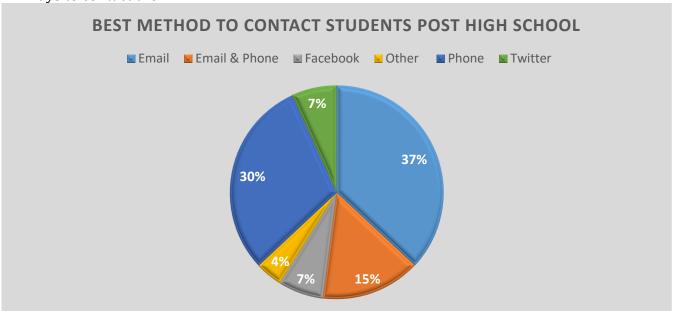
2. Students participated in professional development breakout sessions throughout the day. 96% of student respondents found the resume or soft skills/social emotional workshops they attended somewhat helpful or extremely helpful.



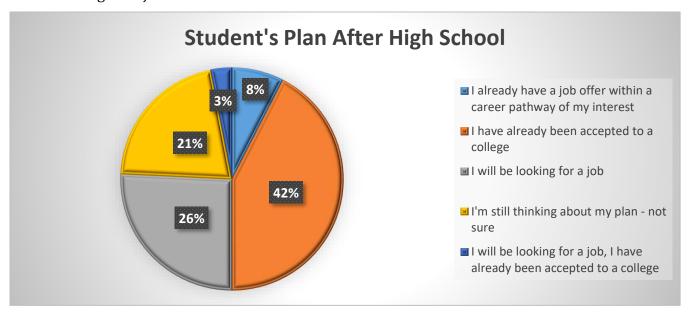
3. 97% of student respondents found the employers they interacted with and the training resources they learned about at the Career & Resource Expo somewhat helpful or extremely helpful.



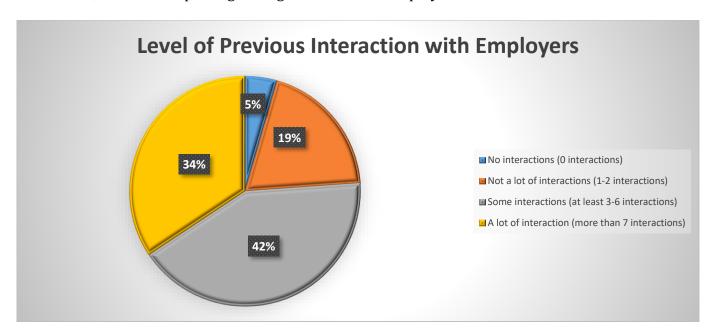
4. 82% of student respondents overwhelmingly prefer email, the phone, or both as the best way to reach them. Only 7.5% of students said that Twitter or Facebook were the most effective ways to contact them.



5. 47% of student respondents will be looking for a job after high school or are not sure of their post-high school plans. Less than half indicated they already have been accepted into college. In some instances, students who indicated they were accepted into college also indicated they will be looking for a job.



6. 95% of student respondents have had at least one interaction with an employer before the summit, with 34% reporting having had 7 or more employer interactions.



# **Special Thanks**

Special thanks to the Nevada employers and training organizations that attended to recruit students or provide them with opportunities as they enter Nevada's workforce. Additionally, special thanks to staff at the Clark County Government Center as well as employees and chaperons from CCSD, CTE.

Employers	Training & Resources
• BMC	DETR, Job Connect – presenter
City of Las Vegas	• IMAGO – presenter
Helix Electric	One-Stop Career Center
Hirschi Masonry, LLC	Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center
Melin Contracting	The Learning Center
MGM Resorts International	Tech Impact
Nevada Contractors Association	Nevada Partners, Inc.
PHCC of Nevada	State of Nevada JobConnect
The Original Roofing Company	<ul> <li>PunchCode</li> </ul>
Sierra Air Conditioning Inc.	
Station Casinos	
Clark County	

#### **About OWINN**

The Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN) helps drive a skilled, diverse, and aligned workforce in the state of Nevada by promoting collaboration and cooperation among key public and private entities focused on workforce development. OWINN works to address Nevada's workforce needs by leveraging labor-market data, scaling career pathways that leads to industry-recognized credentials, expanding apprenticeships and work-based learning, and designing responsive workforce policies. OWINN was originally created in March 2016 via Executive Order 2016-08 signed by Governor Brian Sandoval. During the 79th Legislative Session, Senate Bill 516, approved by the legislature and signed by Governor Sandoval, codified OWINN in state statue.