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Contact: Emily Wicks, Marysville School District, 360-965-0007; [Emily.Wicks@msd25.org](mailto:Emily.Wicks@msd25.org)**Marysville School District partners with Everett Community College to help students plan their future**

MARYSVILLE, Wash. – Recognizing that early exposure to career options after high school is becoming increasingly important for student success, the Marysville School District, in partnership with the region's leading educational institutions, civic organizations, and businesses, is hosting the fifth annual Opportunity EXPO on April 19.

The "My Future, My Choice" EXPO is a dynamic college and career-ready event for students across Snohomish County. The EXPO provides students with direct access to 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities, technical and trade schools, and military and civic organizations. Students also have the opportunity to meet and network with community leaders from business, government, and non-profit groups throughout Washington State.

This year's sponsors include the Tulalip Tribes, Everett Community College, Washington State University North Puget Sound at Everett, Everett University Center, Junior Achievement of Washington, Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce, and the Marysville Rotary and Rotary Education Foundation.

The Opportunity EXPO will be held at the Everett Community College (EvCC) campus and includes tours of EvCC's new Advanced Manufacturing Training & Education Center (AMTEC), a visit to the home of EvCC's Health Sciences programs, and campus-wide tours, giving student's a greater understanding of the many opportunities available to them.

"We look forward to welcoming students from Marysville and Tulalip to Everett Community College," said EvCC President David Beyer. "Today's economy demands a highly educated workforce with a sophisticated and transferable set of skills. Together, with the Marysville School District, we are equipping students with the knowledge and tools they need to build successful futures."

"We are committed to ensuring every student sees the many opportunities provided to them as they consider their path after high school, said Marysville Superintendent Dr. Becky Berg. "Students need to know success is ready and waiting for them to grasp. We are thankful to Everett Community College and our dedicated local community organizations for their ongoing work to show our students that anything is possible. As part of our Strategic Directions; the EXPO *prepares graduates for economic and social realities by equipping them for future education, career, and citizenship in our globally-connected communities*".

All high school Juniors in Marysville and Tulalip will be bused to the EvCC campus on April 19 to attend one of two sessions. More than 100 colleges, career, technical and trade vendors, as well as business, community service and military representatives will be present. Schools and companies interested in participating or sponsoring the event should contact Jodi Runyon at 360-965-0001 or [Jodi.Runyon@msd25.org](mailto:Jodi.Runyon@msd25.org).

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