

K-16 Pipeline

On December 11, 2017, administrators, counselors, and community officials met with Dr. Eric Pedersen from Dixie State University to discuss what is being referred to as the “K-16 Pipeline.” The K-16 Pipeline provides very specialized technology training to students in their junior and senior year of high school to help meet the growing needs of industry. The goal of the DSU K-16 Pipeline is to build and sustain an educational engaging course for students and community members in Southern Utah to fill the demand for qualified tech talent in the local private sector, and fuel the robust regional labor market. In the K-16 pipeline, a typical pathway from high school to career includes attending the DSU six-week summer coder camps where industry firms provide the tech training, at which point many of the students are hired as interns for the companies for a few years. Then, if they can acquire the companies’ needed technical skill set, they are offered full time employment at very competitive salaries. In March, Kane School District will be partnering with Kane County economic development to host a community open house technology summit to gain an understanding of the local technology skills we can provide in our own community, with cooperation from Dixie State University, the goal being to create our own K-16 pipeline opportunities for our students. We would like thank Karen Alvey for facilitating the connections between Dixie State and the Kane School District.

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