

RCB and Rotaract volunteers give hands-on feedback to Birmingham's High School students

On Friday, March 17th 2017, at the Harbert Center, over 100 Rotary and Rotaract volunteers participated in mock interviews with 185 eleventh grade students from seven high schools across Birmingham: Carver, Parker, Huffman, Jackson-Olin, Ramsay, Woodlawn and Wenonah.



The event was organized under the Career Academies initiative, a partnership between the Rotary Club of Birmingham and the Birmingham Education Foundation. This event was also part of a career development conference and it enabled our volunteers to engage one-on-one with students to help them hone their Interviewing skills by using mock interviews with two scenarios: 1) applying for college and 2) applying for an internship.

Overall, the feedback comments from both the volunteers and the students were overwhelmingly positive. Many volunteers were pleasantly surprised by the students' professionalism where over 75% of these students came prepared with complete resumes in hand. In addition, the volunteers were quite impressed with the students' communication skills where 65% of these students received an interview score of 13 out of 15 possible points and the overall average score was 13.

One RCB volunteer said, "I am really glad that I came out to participate in this event today, it really warms my heart to interview these students. As we continue to invest in these young people, Birmingham's future will certainly be in good hands." We thank all the volunteers from RCB, Rotaract and the Education Foundation who all contributed to make this event a big success!