Happy New Year 2019!! I hope you had a restful holiday break because I’m sure things are hectic now! ;) The For Counselors Only Conference is just around the corner. Be sure and register below. We are currently putting together the agenda and it will be available soon. This will be a great conference with tons of useful information for you. You won’t want to miss it! Tommi

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The For Counselors Only Conference will be March 12, 2019, at Tulsa Technology Center, Owasso Campus, 10800 North 137th East Ave., Owasso. Time: 8:30-3:30 MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!
Registration link: 2019 For Counselors Only Conference

Connect to Business - Wouldn’t it be helpful to have a contact list showing local businesses willing to participate in your job fairs and career nights? We can help you do that! If you are already partnering with a local business, we want to feature them on Connect to Business and highlight them as a champion of your school! Send their contact info to aj.crowell@careertech.ok.gov, or share AJ's contact with them. Thanks!

Everyone needs to read this!! Be A Legally Competent School Counselor – from For High School Counselors Blog

Fast Facts for CareerTech for FY18 gives a statewide overview of CareerTech numbers such as enrollments, teachers, industry certifications, placement rates, etc.

CareerTech in Your Community provides individualized one-pagers covering CareerTech services found in each House and Senate district, as well as statewide maps showing K-12 offerings, CareerTech districts, Adult Basic Ed offerings, and Skills Center locations. This is a great resource!

- Federal Funding Under Betsy DeVos: Which States Are Winners and Losers? – from Ed Week Update
- The Beloit College Mindset List: Class of 2021! I always find this so interesting!

'Learning Styles’ Aren’t a Reliable Way to Categorize Students, Study Says – Ed Week Update
A new study offers further evidence against the “learning styles” theory—the idea that students can process information best when teachers tailor instruction to students' strengths.

2018 Education Research Highlights – from Edutopia
Researchers studied students’ brains as they learned and took another look at the marshmallow test, learning styles and growth mindset. Very interesting results!
What It Takes to Make a 4-Day School Week Work
Funding shouldn't have the last word on how you run your school, write Oklahoma K-12 leaders Nathan Gray and Jon Myers. Read more.

- **The Importance of Working For A Boss Who Supports You** – from Forbes
- **Top 10 Blog Posts for 2018 for High School Counselors** – from For High School Counselors Blog
- **Using Video for Professional Development** (teachers and counselors filming themselves) – from Edutopia

**Juuling Skyrocketed This Year, What Does It Mean for Schools?** – from Education Week
Teenagers are taking up vaping nicotine and marijuana at an unprecedented clip, even as Generation Z continues to move away from drugs and tobacco use more generally, finds the 2018 Monitoring the Future survey. Read more.

- **The Fastest-Growing Job of 2018 pays $77,900—Here Are the Other 24** – from CNBC
- **Advice for Seniors: Time To Grow Up** – from Career and College Corner Blog
- **Create Your Own Adulting Day Event** – from For High School Counselors Blog
- **15 Important Life Skills Your Students Should Learn** – from Link for Counselors

**Major companies paying for employees’ college degrees upfront** – from the Wall Street Journal
Some companies, such as Walmart, Disney and Taco Bell, are footing the bill upfront for employees to go to school to start or complete a degree program. It’s all about creating “upward mobility” to allow employees to get ahead in their careers, Disney Chief Executive Bob Iger said.

- **Tips for Parents Sending Their Students off to College** – from LINK for Counselors
- **3 Time Management Tips for Taking the ACT Science Test** – from US News and World Report

**School Retention Linked to Violent Crimes in Adulthood in New Study** - from Education Week
Test-based retention in 8th grade increases the likelihood of criminal conviction by age 25, according to a new study. Read more.

- **Want Your Students to be Kinder? Try This Assignment** – from Education Week Teacher
- **Social-Emotional Learning, Explained** - from Education Week
- **The First Time I Saw My Dad Cry** - from Brian Drury and Goalcast

**Why being respectful to your coworkers is good for business** – from Christine Porath & TED Talks
Looking to get ahead in your career? Start by being respectful to your coworkers! In this science-backed talk, Leadership researcher Christine Porath shares surprising insights about the costs of rudeness and shows how little acts of respect can boost your professional success -- and your company's (or school's) bottom line.

**And just for you...**
- **How to Change the Way You See Yourself- Rock Thomas** – from Goalcast
- **5 Ways I Allowed Stress and Anxiety to Control My Attitude (Opinion)** – from Education Week

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