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Two NMJC events target business ties, job seekers

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New Mexico Junior College Training and Outreach is set to host Industry Day today, followed by its first annual job fair tomorrow.

"We decided to sort of combine two big events into one week that would be convenient for everyone," Rachel Gallagher, Training and Outreach career support technician, said. "Many of the companies that will be here for our Industry Day will stay and set up a booth for our job fair."

Industry Day is scheduled for 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Larry Hannah Training and Outreach Center, 4000 W. Millen Dr.

During this day, training staff will connect with area industry groups and organizations and discuss current and future trainings that span several industries



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New Mexico Junior College Training and Outreach career support technician Rachel Gallagher and Event Coordinator Sara Prebenda prepare for Industry Day. Industry Day will be from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Larry Hannah Training and Outreach Center, 4000 W. Millen.

including basic oil and gas, oil and gas safety, commercial driving, transportation safety, energy technology and instrumentation and controls.

Training and Outreach staff will showcase recently added trainings as well as provide tours

of their many training facilities today, Gallagher said.

"Training and Outreach offers a variety of key workforce trainings for Lea County and the region that have an immediate

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and positive impact on the area's overall economy," Jeff McCool, NMJC dean of training and outreach, said. "It is important to connect with the community and continually showcase the many training opportunities we provide locally, while dialoging with area groups about future training needs."

The job fair will be Thursday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. also at the Training and Outreach Center.

"The job fair is for those individuals that need a job to meet with several businesses and organizations and for those businesses that need to hire to meet with potential employee candidates and get the word out about their business or group," Gallagher said. "We are expecting over 50 businesses from industries including oil and gas safety, oil and gas technology, energy technology, electric power, renewable energy, retail, schools, construction, banking, food services and even local community governments."

Booths are free of charge.

"There are a lot of people hiring," Gallagher said. "When we were originally planning the job

fair it was before we got wind of the downturn in the economy, so we had a lot of people telling us it wasn't really the right time, but it's turning out that there is still quite a few jobs out there."

Gallagher added potential employees are encouraged to bring their resumes.

For more information on Industry Day or the job fair contact Gallagher at 575-492-4716.

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