

# Hershey's brings sweet life lessons to Orland teens

The Bridge Teen Center hosts 'Sweet Success' program

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Hoping to give teens at The Bridge Teen Center an inside edge on finding a job, the center partnered with Hershey for the second year to offer the "Sweet Success: Getting the Job" program.

About 20 teens attended the two-hour event Monday, April 25, at the center, located at 15555 S. 71st Court in Orland Park.

"We saw how successful last year's event was and received a lot of positive feed-

back from the teens and our sales reps," Hershey sales rep Lauren Burtscher said. "We're meeting the needs of the community and getting out there a little bit more."

Burtscher said that the event would help teens learn the basics when applying for a job, including filling out applications, creating a resume and interviewing.

"We hope that this will be building blocks for the future," she said.

Erik Spiller of Tinley Park, who attended the program, is already looking for a summer job.

"I want to learn what to do and what not to do in an

interview," he said. "I also want to know what not to mess up on a job and what goes on a resume."

Stefani Herold of Orland Park said that she already has a job, but wants to be more informed on how to get a job in the future.

"I want to learn how to fill out a resume and how to do everything right," the Sandburg senior said.

The teens broke up into teams, led by the Hershey sales team, to go through a take-home guide on business etiquette. JCPenney also provided four outfits to show the teens how they should dress for an interview.

The Bridge Teen Center Executive Director and Founder, Priscilla Steinmetz, said that to have Hershey come back for the second year says a lot.

"It really says the company values young people," she said. "For us, it's really about partnerships and relationships and bringing the community together."

"It's neat to see the energy with the students and the opportunity for Hershey to come back. We hope to continue to build on this."

For upcoming events at The Bridge Teen Center, call (708) 532-0500 or visit [www.thebridgeteencentre.org](http://www.thebridgeteencentre.org).



Orland Park resident Stefani Herold (left) and Palos Park resident Shane Olson work on filling out applications during Hershey's "Sweet Success: Getting the Job" program at The Bridge Teen Center. HEATHER WARTHEN/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

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