Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

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April 28th was the National Take our Daughters and Sons to work day, but WKU got in on the action earlier this week.

Amy Bingham was there and shows us how it went in this week’s “View from the Hill”.

This is the first year WKU has hosted a Take our Daughters and Sons to work day …and they even opened it up to grandparents who work on the hill.

But the day involved much more than just students seeing what their parents and grandparents do for a living.

Take our daughters and sons to work day at WKU offered a little bit of everything.

“I’ve played football, done theatre and I was playing cornhole.”

“I’ve gone to ROTC to learn about the Army and I’ve gone to chemistry to look at cool experiments.”

Students from grades two through twelve, whose parents or grandparents are WKU employees, could sign up for both a morning and afternoon session of their choice.

“I did a biology one and we got to isolate our DNA and they gave us a tour and we got to see all the labs.”

“I took broadcasting and theatre because I love acting and I love being on tv and on the radio.”

The event was sponsored by WKU’s Department for Human Resources. They got the idea from the University of South Florida and pulled it together in less than three months.

“We have 80 students registered, 30 volunteers helping and twelve departments hosting students so a lot of people involved.”

Students can see beyond their parents workplace and start thinking about their future.

“I like the ROTC thing, that’s possibly what I want to do when I go to college so I learned more about that.”

It was a hit with the parent volunteers too.

“I was real excited because I pretty well plan on him coming here to Western and just to get some ideas of the different departments.”

“It’s been great meeting kids from other schools and parents from other departments as well.”

Aikins is hopeful this can be offered each year around the same time as the National Take our Daughters and Sons to work day.

And on another note, don’t forget, tomorrow afternoon at two is the dedication of Gary A. Ransdell Hall on WKU’s campus.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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