

Communications & Community Engagement

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Update:

24-25 KRESA Annual Report

I am thrilled to share our 24-25 KRESA annual report. A printed copy is available for you. Our overall approach this year has been to significantly streamline this publication to ensure that it is a succinct snapshot of key milestones and stories that reflect a variety of examples of the impact of our work and how we are transforming futures. We are committed to keeping this report accessible, engaging, and focused on our overall impact.

A digital copy of the report is available on the KRESA website here: <https://www.kresa.org/annual-report>

Career Connect Open House

On Tuesday, February 10th, we hosted the annual Career Connect Open House – this year holding it at the Career Connect Campus for the first time. Approximately 1,500 community members were in attendance. Through exploration of our labs, classrooms and informational presentations that highlighted our Career Connect programs and services, middle and high school students and their families were able to discover free educational opportunities open to them.

In conjunction with the Open House, we also held a ‘Thank You’ reception for our business and industry partners who engage with our programs by serving as Career Connect advisory members, hosting interns, providing work-based learning opportunities or supporting in other ways. About 60 representatives were in attendance.

In the News

We’ve enjoyed recent media coverage of some of our programs and services:

[KRESA Early Childhood Program awarded grant to support language development through play](#)

[Loy Norrix student gains real-world skills at century-old Green Top Tavern](#)

[Kalamazoo RESA \(KRESA\) Career Connect Open House](#)

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