Non-Traditional Student Panel Ideas:

Please be ready to introduce yourself with the following information:

Name

Grade

Program of Study

Specific to Non-Trad students:

1. What are some of the career opportunities/benefits for non-traditional students?

2. Was choosing a nontraditional career pathway a difficult or uncomfortable decision to communicate to your family and friends? If so, how did you handle that?

3. What did you *think* would be some of your struggles as a nontraditional student that turned out to be false?

4. Is there a support system in place for nontraditional students?

5. If I don’t have any experience in a shop area, will I fall behind easily in 9th grade?

6. What do your classmates in shop think of nontraditional students?

7. Did you have to overcome a fear to enroll as a nontraditional student?

8. Do you have trouble or difficulty making friends in your shop as a nontraditional student?

9. Did you feel that you had support in choosing to pursue your chosen trade? (By teachers, counselors, other students) How did this affect you or how did you handle this?

10. What other ideas might you have for questions….

11. Were your friends at your home school supportive of your decision to leave and enroll as a nontraditional student?

12. Discuss with the new students what they feel are qualities that have helped them be successful at Tech and will help the new students be successful—Theme GET INVOLVED

13. Discuss with the new students: What did you find out later that would have been helpful to know as an 8th grader?

14. Be able to discuss your future goals and how you feel tech has prepared you to pursue them.