



According to careerbuilder.com, "77% of employers say that soft skills are just as important as hard skills, and college professors identify the same characteristics as important to college success".

<http://www.careerbuilder.com/share/aboutus/pressreleasesdetail.aspx?ed=12/31/2014&id=pr817&sd=4/10/2014>

PA Cyber's Gifted and Talented program, in partnership with the Pittsburgh-based nonprofit Building Bridges for Business, is excited to announce an exciting new opportunity that gives students in grades 6-12 the chance to explore careers, build soft skills, and develop goals and action plans through interactive, online presentations and workshops.

**All PA Cyber students in grades 6-12 are invited and encouraged to participate in the program and discussions.**

Students in other grades are also welcome to view the program sessions live or via the recorded archive.

The U CAN B Program features 18 live sessions on scheduled Thursdays and will last approximately one hour(3 to 4 p.m.).

#### **Additional Info:**

U Can B classes include a variety of activities designed to engage students of all backgrounds, levels of ability, interests, and skill level. The classroom sessions offer learning experiences through a number of hands-on and lecture-based presentations. Topic areas include the following:

1. **Work Readiness & Soft Skills** – U Can B teachers and guest speakers offer a plethora of content related to work readiness and soft skills. Through video, lecture and activity, students learn about Teamwork, Communication, Critical Thinking & Problem Solving, Professionalism, Interview Skills, and Workplace Culture.
2. **Networking & Job Search** – U Can B students learn from teachers and local HR representatives the most up-to-date and effective job searching techniques. These include Networking, Using Social Media, Using Social Media Responsibly, How to Work a Job Fair, Job Applications, Resume Writing, and more!



#### **For More Information**



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# U•CAN•B™ Program Dates

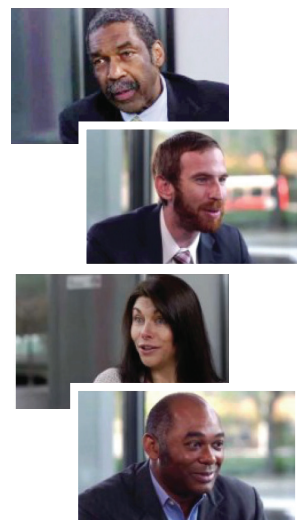
All sessions run online via Blackboard Collaborate on designated Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Students can login via Collaborate at :

<https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?password=MDA36FB217CB62D1D15E9BC206A80C0&sid=2009370>

Week #	Topic	Date	Location
1	Introduction to Work Readiness	10/6/2016	South Side
2	The Job Market - What jobs are OPEN in the Market and How can I find out what they are ?	10/13/2016	South Side
3	Presentation-Entrepreneurship	10/20/2016	South Side
4	Presentation-Networking/ Career Prep	10/27/2016	South Side
5	Networking - And what that Means	11/3/2016	South Side
6	Presentation-Green Energy	11/10/2106	South Side
7	Presentation-Politics	11/17/2016	South Side
8	The Interview - What should you convey ? (Preparation of questions and proposed answers)	1/12/2016	South Side
9	Mock Interview	1/19/2016	South Side
10	Presentation-Health Care	1/26/2016	Wexford (Event)
11	Presentation-Vet Medicine	2/2/2106	South Side
12	How to Highlight your Skills - How to determine your Skills	2/9/2016	South Side
13	Presentation-Arts, Film, and New Media	2/16/2016	South Side
14	Presentation-Arts, Film, and New Media	2/23/2016	South Side (Event)
15	How to Develop Goals and Action Plans	3/2/2016	South Side
16	Developing Goals	3/9/2016	South Side
17	Presentation-Trades	3/16/2016	South Side
18	U can B Wrap Up	3/23/2016	South Side

## Join a live presentation:

1. Login to the session via Blackboard Collaborate
2. Type in your name when prompted
3. Join the live presentation and enjoy!



**About PA Cyber:** Serving students in kindergarten through 12th grade, the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School (PA Cyber) is one of the largest, most experienced, and most successful online public schools in the nation. PA Cyber's online learning environments, personalized instructional methods, and choices of curricula connect Pennsylvania students and their families with state-certified and highly qualified teachers, and rich academic content that is aligned to state standards. Founded in 2000, PA Cyber is headquartered in Midland (Beaver County) and maintains a network of support offices throughout the state. As a public school, PA Cyber is open for enrollment to any school-age child residing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and does not charge tuition to students or families. The commitment of the Gifted and Talented program at PA Cyber is to create a learning culture that promotes and celebrates high achievement; encourages and values diverse perspectives; and creates a nurturing atmosphere for young people to engage their individual passions and share their unique discoveries.

**U CAN B** that provides career education to school students in the area of job growth. The Building Bridge's career education program, U can B, features over 60+ weeks of curriculum adhering to the PA State teaching guidelines. U can B has subject matter experts and teachers who teach in the areas of science, technology, trades, entrepreneurship, television and new media, digital citizenship, workforce readiness and soft skills. U can B is taught in school, afterschool, and in summer programs. A blended learning approach uses curriculum, teachers and videos along with hands-on exercises to reach students in a new way. Building Bridges is also an OVR provider with the Department of Labor and Industry, EITC approved, and participating United Way organization.



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