

The do's and don'ts of job interviews

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BULLHEAD CITY — “We’ll call you,” the mock interviewers said to Aubrey Interior.

They probably won’t: she showed up in jeans, put her feet on the desk during the interview, listed the ability to “eat a whole pizza in five minutes” as a positive trait and said that she would blackmail a co-worker she discovered stealing from the company.

Interior was one of three upperclassmen who went through interviews Tuesday morning as part of a skit at Mohave High School’s Gear Up assembly.

Gear Up coordinator Amber Parker DeWitt said the exercise is meant to give the freshmen who attended the assembly some idea of what to do — and what not to do — during a job interview.

After Interior bombed, the “JC Nickels” representatives called in Carly Bouchard, who, when asked for a résumé, produced a photo of herself.

She lister her eyebrows as her greatest weakness and said she wanted the job because of the employee discount.

Bouchard also took a phone call during the interview and held up a finger when an interviewer tried to steer her back to the business at hand.

The third mock candidate, Raquel MacDonald, arrived with her resume in hand, listed a tendency to take on too much extra responsibility as a weakness and said she would report the hypothetical thieving co-worker.

“It’s probably safe to say she got the job,” narrator Coryn Hendrix told the audience.

The assembly was part of National Gear Up Week. Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs is an initiative designed to get students thinking about postsecondary



NOT THE WAY TO DO IT:

Aubrey Interior fails to impress mock interviewers Emily Stahlman, Helen Triska and Connor McDonald Tuesday morning during a Gear Up assembly at Mohave High School. Interior was one of two candidates demonstrating what not to do for the freshmen audience. The assembly was part of National Gear Up Week, which highlights efforts to better prepare students for life after high school.

education or other options well before they graduate from high school. This year's freshmen, the Class of 2018, have been in the local program since seventh grade.

Later Tuesday, the freshmen could go through mock interviews with Target, the Mohave Valley Daily News, Western Arizona Regional Medical Center and other employers.

Target's Mary Osmonson said store representatives hope they can be helpful in helping the students build their interviewing skills and eventual readiness for the workplace.

Other activities this week include resume-building workshops, and information on scholarships and Northern Arizona University's Gear Up.

The mock interviews came before today's CRUHSD College and Career Expo.

"We want to make sure they know what to do when they get to a table and how to present themselves in a positive light," Parker DeWitt said.