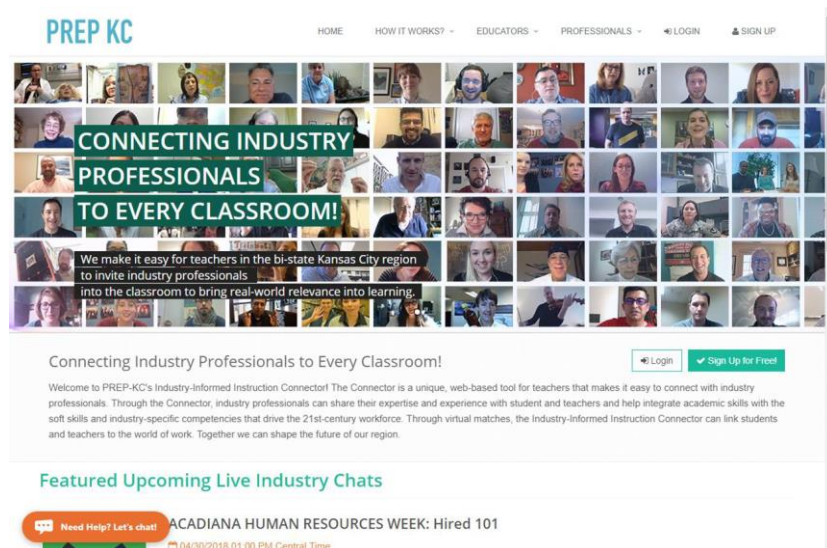


PREP-KC is Connecting Industry Professionals to Classrooms!

PREP-KC has launched a new online tool, **The Connector**, to help teachers and their students learn about opportunities and expectations from the region's employers. Teachers can use **The Connector** to extend and enhance their lessons by connecting with real-world professionals who will *virtually* speak to their students on a wide variety of topics, related to the teacher's lesson plans for 3rd to 12th grade.

Through the summer PREP-KC is inviting the KC region's employers to log on to **The Connector** to record an Industry Chat (example: *What does an Architect Do?*) or a Virtual Worksite Tour (example: Students can visit an advanced manufacturing facility to learn how these professionals use math). These sessions will be added to the current 4,700 assets acquired through previous national efforts by professionals from a wide range of career areas.



The screenshot shows the PREP-KC website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, HOW IT WORKS?, EDUCATORS, PROFESSIONALS, LOGIN, and SIGN UP. Below the navigation bar is a large grid of video thumbnails representing various industry professionals. Overlaid on this grid is a green banner with the text "CONNECTING INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS TO EVERY CLASSROOM!". Below the banner, there is a paragraph of text: "We make it easy for teachers in the bi-state Kansas City region to invite industry professionals into the classroom to bring real-world relevance into learning." Below this text are two buttons: "Login" and "Sign Up for Free". At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "Featured Upcoming Live Industry Chats" with a chat bubble icon and the text "ACADIANA HUMAN RESOURCES WEEK: Hired 101" and a timestamp "04/30/2018 01:00 PM Central Time".

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