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2017 CAREER DREAM TEAM AMBASSADORS

Greg Sharpe, 'The Voice of the Huskers' interviewed thirteen talented Career Dream Team Ambassadors from sponsor companies, spotlighting them on the Husker Sports Network pre-game radio program throughout the Husker football season!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEASON:



Governor Ricketts joined TR Raimondo and Career Dream Team Ambassadors Jose Leon with Behlen Mfg. Co. and Cody Workman with Smeal Fire Apparatus, a Spartan Motors Co. on the radio.

Governor Ricketts highlighted the need for more people to go into STEM education / careers. Manufacturing is more advanced and computer driven and many students can graduate college with little to no debt and start with above average salaries.

FULL VIDEOS OF THE RADIO INTERVIEWS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE:

WWW.DREAMITDOITNEBRASKA.COM

Dr. Matt Blomstedt, K-12 Commissioner—Nebraska Department of Education joined TR Raimondo and Career Dream Team Ambassador Justin Patterson, Heavy Equipment Technician at NMC—Nebraska Machine Co. on the Husker Sports Network pre-game radio show..

Dr. Blomstedt talked about his vision in Nebraska that **every student in high school** will have an idea of what career / education path the they want to pursue before they graduate.



The NAMC Created the Career Dream Team Ambassador program in 2007 in response to the growing skills gap—spotlighting talented young adults from sponsor companies with valuable careers in the Nebraska economy. Ambassadors are encouraged to promote careers in their company and region through various activities, including:

- ⇒ **Career Fairs**
- ⇒ **Social Media**
- ⇒ **Community Events**
- ⇒ **Classroom Visits**
- ⇒ **Radio Interviews**
- ⇒ **And more!**
- ⇒ **Company Tours**
- ⇒ **DVD**

The Career Dream Team Ambassador program s a Nationally Endorsed Best Practice by the NAM (National Association of Manufacturers) and the Manufacturing Institute.

CAREER DREAM TEAM AMBASSADOR CELEBRATION



Career Dream Team Ambassadors, NAMC Board Members and Area Directors take a picture with Governor Pete Ricketts

The 2017 Career Dream Team (CDT) celebrated as they received their certification awards as Ambassadors for Dream It. Do It. and careers in manufacturing and related businesses at the Governor's Residence in Lincoln, NE. During the celebration CDT Ambassadors from Nebraska and the Columbus Regional team highlighted their outreach to students, radio interview, career and education path. Each ambassador received a framed certificate for their participation in the Dream It. Do It. Program.

TR Raimondo, Chairman of the Nebraska Advanced Manufacturing Coalition (NAMC) welcomed Special Guest—Governor Pete Ricketts; the NAMC Board of Directors; Dream It. Do It. Area Directors; representatives from sponsoring companies; CDT Ambassadors; Greg Sharpe—The Voice of the Huskers; Heidi Cuca, Husker Sports Network; and others involved in the NAMC/Dream It. Do It./STEM Match programs.



Jonathan Allou with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska talks about his experiences as a Career Dream Team Ambassador



Jack Weaver, Career Dream Team Ambassador with Nucor Steel receives his certificate from TR Raimondo, Chairman and NAMC Board Members.

Governor Ricketts congratulated the ambassadors and stressed the need for education and STEM skills in manufacturing and related businesses.



The **Career Dream Team** program spotlights talented young employees from area manufacturers and related businesses to go out into the schools, be featured on radio programs, host tours, etc.; they are the front line ambassadors for companies, careers and education in their region, focused on helping students.



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CAREER DREAM TEAM AMBASSADORS



VALMONT INDUSTRIES
Kelly Bodnar
NDT Technician Level II
Southeast Community College
Non-Destructive Testing



BCBS NEBRASKA
Jonathan Allou
Business Analytics Intern
University of NE, Omaha
Computer Science



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Southeast Community College
Welding

**Spotlighting young adults with rewarding
careers in advanced manufacturing
and related businesses.**



NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING MONTH

Governor Rickett's officially proclaimed October as Manufacturing Month in Nebraska and encouraged manufacturers to connect with future generations and highlight the skills, education, and careers in manufacturing and related businesses by opening their doors to students.

Manufacturing Day started in 2012 through the National Association of Manufacturers as an annual event to give manufacturers an opportunity to open their doors and show what manufacturing is ... and what it isn't.

With the support of Dream It. Do It., Nebraska had more than 60 companies participate with events posted on the mfg-day.com website, showing hundreds of students the great opportunities in their community. Nationally there were over 2,800 events.

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Effects on Perception

after attending an event

89%

More aware of manufacturing jobs in their community

84%

More convinced that manufacturing provides careers that are interesting and rewarding

64%

More motivated to pursue careers in manufacturing

71%

More likely to tell friends, family, parents or colleagues about manufacturing



Photo above: Governor Ricketts tries out welding at the Omaha Products Show. The welding simulator is one of the machines in Omaha's M3E trailer. The trailer will be taken to Omaha area middle schools and was created as part of a grant to introduce students to STEM careers.

Students from Columbus High School tour Behlen Mfg. Co. "My favorite part of the day was when we got to our the facility and see what the welders did. I liked this because I am starting welding school in August. This experience helped me see what I'm going to be doing in the future."

-Jesus Marino, Senior

STEP FORWARD



Fifty-one women were honored at the first annual Nebraska/Western Iowa STEP Forward event at Metropolitan Community College CAET Center (Center for Advanced And Emerging Technologies).

STEP Forward honors women in manufacturing and related STEP (Science, Technology, Engineering, Production) careers.

STEP Forward is part of a national initiative offered in partnership with the National Association of Manufacturers | Manufacturing Institute spotlighting the spirit and impact of women in advanced manufacturing, a leading high tech industry in the U. S.

STEP FORWARD provides women a unique opportunity for building professional networks and advancing career success in manufacturing and related businesses.

STEP FORWARD is designed to celebrate women:

- in successful STEP careers,
- who desire to advance in their careers,
- and leaders who are passionate about supporting the career success of women in their industry.

