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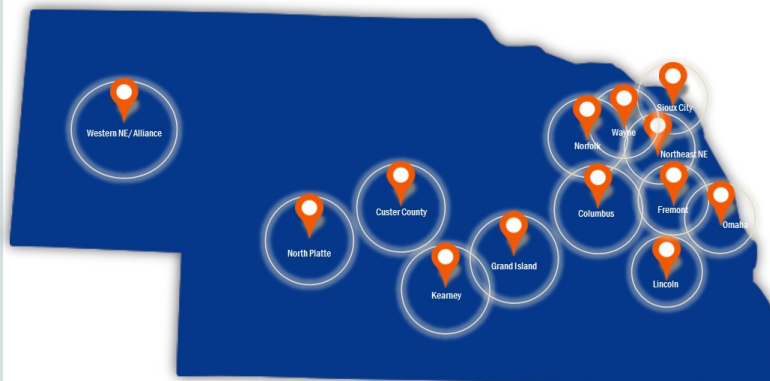
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AREA DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



The NAMC is always
looking to expand our
Area Directors

Kearney

Area Director—Elizabeth Roetman

College and Career Day

The Kearney Area held the 2nd Annual College and Career Day where 300 seniors toured and job shadowed at places like CHI, Kearney Regional Medical Center, The Buckle, Parker, Cash-Wa, and Miller and Associates among others. Each business that hosted spent time giving tours of their facility, students were introduced to panelists that worked there and asked questions, they also left with a workbook that they wrote in throughout the day.



New Programs at Central Community College, Kearney

Around 65 school counselors learned of new programming at Central Community College Center, Kearney. Information on new programming, jobs and wages was provided to parents and students at Advisement Night. New programs at CCC, Kearney include:

- ◆ Mechatronics
- ◆ Advanced Manufacturing
- ◆ Electrical and Expanded Health Sciences

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AREA DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

Omaha

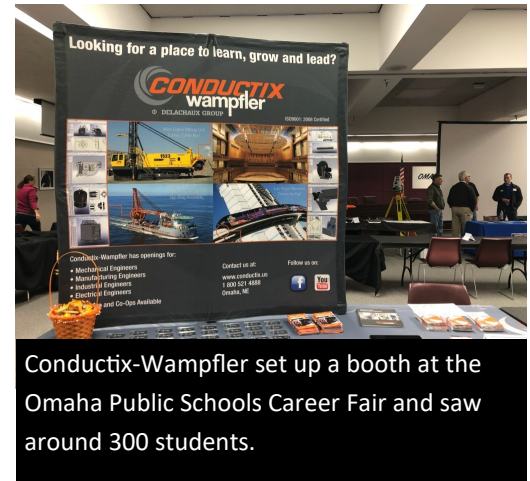
Area Director—John Fonda



DIDI Omaha hosted a booth at the Gretna Middle School STEM Night. The kids had fun with the Virtual Reality Goggles and the CEENbot robotics.



Over 80 students from Bellevue East and West participated in mock interviews to learn how to conduct themselves during a job interview. There were 22 'interviewers' from business and retirees.



Conductix-Wampfler set up a booth at the Omaha Public Schools Career Fair and saw around 300 students.



17,515

Total Experiences 2018

Careerockit is an initiative of the Greater Omaha Chamber in partnership with countless community partners to connect students and young adults with opportunities to move along the learning pipeline, gain applicable knowledge and build excitement for growing career options.

One week each year, businesses meet the challenge of providing career experiences to educate, excite and inspire students and young adults. This program provides students with an experience that help them understand the careers that are in their area and pathways to those careers.

Fremont

Area Director—Barb Pierce

Thirty Two Companies participated in the Fremont area Careerockit event during the week of February 12th!

5th—7th grade students were introduced to a variety of careers with the help of the Dream It. Do It. Career Dream Team Ambassadors (pictures) - Kelly Bodnar from Valmont, Seth Enke from Conductix-Wampfler, and Tyler Bertsch from Behlen Mfg. Co.

Career Dream Team Ambassadors did an excellent job with their presentations, representing their respective companies and handing out DIDI brochures to the Johnson Crossing 5th grade students and Fremont Middle School's 6th and 7th grade students.

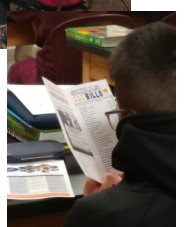


32

Companies

1,416

Students



Columbus

Area Director—Kara Asmus



The Columbus area visited students at Platte Center Elementary about what they want to be when they grow up and the jobs available in the Columbus Area (in picture KC Belitz, president of Columbus Chamber speaking).

Nebraska Developing Youth Talent Initiative Grant

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development is now accepting applications for the Developing Youth Talent Initiative (DYTI) grant. DYTI was developed in 2015 by Governor Pete Ricketts and awards two grants each year to help address workforce needs and connect 7th and 8th grade students to learning opportunities in the manufacturing and IT industries.

Grant recipients are a collaboration between business and schools to engage students in participation of hands-on career exploration and workplace learning opportunities to help address workforce needs by creating a talent pipeline for manufacturing and IT careers.

Applications will be accepted until **April 9, 2018**. For more information go to the website:

<https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/program/nebraska-developing-youth-talent-initiative/>

Nebraska Robotics Expo 2018



For the 9th year in a row, Dream It. Do It. hosted a booth at the Nebraska Robotics Expo. Over 1,000 students participate in robotics competitions in the CEENBoT Showcase, First Lego League and Creative Visual Arts categories.

In total there were 2,650 visitors to the event at Sac Museum and over 250 stopped by the Dream It. Do It. booth. Visitors could drive the CEENBoT or wear the Google Goggles for a VR experience.

Picture: Career Dream Team Ambassador, Dylan Wheeler with Conductix-Wampfler joined Jim Vhyldal with Tri-V Tool & Mfg. and Dwayne Probyn with NAMC

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

- ♦ BE HONEST
- ♦ BE ON TIME EVERY DAY
- ♦ READY FOR WORK
- ♦ CONTINUE TO LEARN
- ♦ TEAMWORK
- ♦ COMMUNICATION
- ♦ DRUG FREE



With numerous opportunities in manufacturing and related businesses, you can find a career doing what you enjoy!

Norfolk - Northeast Community College

CTE SIGNING DAY

65 high school seniors from Nebraska and Iowa celebrated their choice to continue their post-secondary education. The students, with many of their parents, friends and others watching, proudly signed academic letters of intent to enroll in career and technical education (CTE) programs at Northeast Community College.



Andrew Funke, of Rock County High School in Bassett, (left) and Justin Jasper, of Stanton High School in Stanton, sign their academic letters of intent. Funke and Jasper plan to enroll in the College's Diesel Technology-Truck program. (Courtesy Northeast Community College)

The ceremony held was similar to when athletes commit to continue their careers at the collegiate level, which Lyle Kathol, vice president of educational services at Northeast, calls a 'big deal'.

"Students electing to enter into a high skill, high demand, high wage occupation is a 'BIG DEAL' for those students and even more important for their future employers.

Gaining skills to be successful in a career is life changing. It sets one up to be employable and to contribute to society in a positive way.

It is because of this importance to our communities, our region, and our state, that Northeast wants to make it a 'BIG DEAL' for students electing to begin a program of study in a technical field".

-- Lyle Kathol

STUDENTS SCORE 'CHECKMATE' with aluminum chess sets

Students in the diversified manufacturing program at Northeast have used their skills to develop a stylish version of the classic Chess board game and have turned it into a fundraiser.



A high school student in the Fridays@Northeast program took one of the rooks home from the MFGDAY event to show to his mother. "He held it up to her and said, 'I want to do this.'"

Their instructor, Steve Wagner, said the concept of the chess set began about two-years ago. "In 2016, we held our **MFG DAY** open house and we designed the rook piece as a giveaway...and everyone thought that they were great!"

As time went on, Wagner said more and more people inquired about the piece and wanted to know if they were going to make the rest of the set. So the students in the 'Hawks Manufacturing Club' took the project on. They had to learn everything from designing the pieces to marketing, sales and understanding pricing.

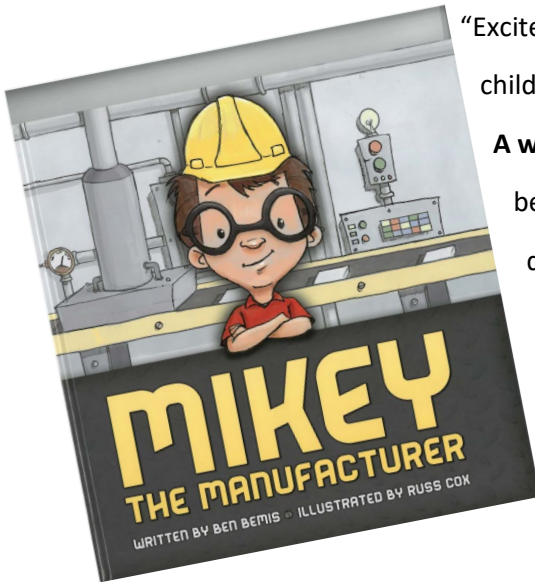
WIND ENERGY

A decommissioned wind turbine generator has found a new use at Northeast Community College. Grande Prairie Wind Farm, near O'Neill, donated an out of commission, two-mega-watt wind turbine generator to Northeast's wind energy technology program.

"This is a great addition to the program," said Lyle Kathol, vice president of educational services at Northeast. "It is a piece of a wind generator that was replaced by the company. The generator will enable students to perform hands-on troubleshooting, and it is good to have for practical experience."

Wind energy is a rapidly growing industry in Nebraska and throughout the nation. Northeast offers an Associate of Applied Science degree specifically in wind energy.

(Photo Courtesy Northeast Community College)



“Excitement fills the air for Professional Day in Ms. Honeydew’s classroom. The children come dressed as a dentist, a firefighter, an airline pilot ... and a manufacturer.

A what? Join the class on a field trip inside a manufacturing plant where people bend metal, weld lasers, and operate robots to make the things we rely on every day!” This great book—**Mikey The Manufacturer** written by Ben Bemis, is a great way to introduce young people to manufacturing careers!

To order Mikey the Manufacturer go to www.littlecreekpress.com

To contact the author, Ben Bemis, email: mikeythemanufacturer@gmail.com

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

NEBRASKA

Good Life. Great Connections.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Companies interested in starting a Registered Apprenticeship program may contact Scott Asmus at 402-471-9928.

The Nebraska Department of Labor (DOL) received a grant and is collaborating with businesses, educational institutions, and the US Department of Labor (USDOL) to develop new **Registered Apprenticeship** programs across a variety of industries.

The Registered Apprenticeship (RA) initiative has established four new programs since October of 2017, including three in manufacturing.

QUAD PACKAGING IN OMAHA had this to say about their experience:

The Apprentices “have an attitude that they want to go above and beyond”!

— Production Support Manager Gus Gubalke, Quad Packaging

Schools) partnered with **DRAMCO TOOL** to form a Youth Registered Apprenticeship program in order to start training CNC operators in high school.

Once the apprentices graduate high school, they will continue with the RA program and become permanent employees of Dramco Tool.

Currently, three other Nebraska high schools are in the process of creating Youth RA program opportunities for students participating in their Career Academies.

Job seekers interested in participating in a RA program should contact their local Nebraska Department of Labor office.

The Nebraska Department of Education’s website for workplace experiences is:

<http://www.nebraskaworkplaceexperiences.com/>



Nebraska Leadership & Skills Conference



April 13th, 2018
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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