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## Nebraska Manufacturers Open Their Doors

### Students



Students from Wahoo High School tour Lincoln Industries and see the high quality products and metal finishing at their facility.

Manufacturers in Lincoln, Nebraska opened their doors to high school students for a “behind-the-scenes” look at what goes on in a manufacturing business. Being able to see business operations is a great way to aid students in deciding their future educational path.

Manufacturers such as: Midlands Packaging Corp., Duncan Aviation, Lincoln Machine, Kawasaki, Molex Inc., Lincoln Industries, and Teledyne Isco participated in this two day event in April as over 200 students from 9 different high schools toured their facilities.

### Educators



Walking through the construction site for the future Elkhorn High School. Hawkins Construction explained the many diverse trades needed in the construction industry and the opportunities available to students.

On April 28th, Conductix-Wampfler, Hawkins Construction Company, and Elliot Equipment Company in Omaha, Nebraska spoke to over 30 educators from Bellevue East, Bellevue West, Millard North, Benson, Metro Community College, Omaha Bryan, and Wayne Brown with Bright Futures about the careers available in Nebraska manufacturing and related businesses. These tours were conducted to give area educators a look at the many career opportunities available in the region and give teachers a chance to pass on this information to their students.

The need to continue partnerships between business and education was discussed. The attendees were told of the skills shortage and shown the many careers available in a manufacturing environment and a construction environment. Skills are needed in all areas of the business including Human Resources, Accounting, Sales/Marketing, Engineering, IT, Technical skills, Welding, Electrical, etc. along with the much needed trades in the construction environment. They encouraged letting students know of the many opportunities available to them in their region and encouraged educators to bring students to them for internship and job shadowing opportunities.

## SkillsUSA



Students participating in the Electronics Application competition at Central Community College in Columbus during the SkillsUSA Leadership Championships.

SkillsUSA is a student organization serving high school and college students enrolled in programs preparing them for technical, skilled and service careers.

On March 26-28, 2009 the SkillsUSA Nebraska State Leadership and Skills Conference was held in Columbus, Nebraska. More than 1000 people—including students, teachers and business partners participated in the event.

Students in skilled and technical science contests worked against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations like electronics, computer-aided drafting, precision machining, welding, etc.

What a great opportunity for our young leaders to showcase their skills and talents!

# NAMC Scorecard



2009 Events We've Attended	Est. Attend.	Est. Contacts	Quality Contacts
High School Career Fairs	5,368	1,790	633
Classroom presentations	697	347	177
College Career Fairs	308	120	70
Civic/Community Presentations	366	366	366
Mfg. Tours	385	385	345
Miscellaneous	953	678	268
<b>Year-to-date 2009</b>	<b>8,077</b>	<b>3,686</b>	<b>1,859</b>
Totals from 2006-2008 Events	<u>38,437</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>9,472</u>
<b>Campaign Totals</b>	<b>46,514</b>	<b>19,686</b>	<b>11,331</b>

## Reasons To Celebrate!

APRIL 2009

**COLUMBUS:** SkillsUSA Nebraska State Leadership and Skills Conference was held in Columbus. Over 1200 in attendance. The DIDI Booth was located at New World Inn the central meeting place for all activities. (See article on front).

**LINCOLN:** Nebraska State FFA Convention. DIDI hosted a booth during the convention at the Pershing Center on April 2nd. Over 600 students in attendance.

**SCRIBNER-SNYDER:** 8 juniors from Scribner-Snyder High School participated in a job shadow program at Smeal Fire Apparatus Co.

**OMAHA:** Bright Futures presented to the DIDI Education Extension Committee in Omaha. Bright Futures is a great fit with Dream It. Do It.

**COLUMBUS:** Power Drive Road Rally was held in Columbus at Central Community College with 25 teams participating. Students from the area created their own electric vehicles giving them hands-on experience in the areas of design, electronics, aerodynamics, and other aspects.

**LINCOLN:** Manufacturing Tours— over 200 students in area high schools tour manufacturing businesses in Lincoln—see article on front.

**OMAHA:** Instructors and faculty from area high schools tour businesses in Omaha to learn about the career opportunities available to their students (see article on front).

**WASHINGTON:** Dwayne Probyn attends the Executive Leadership Council meeting in Washington DC.

**OMAHA:** CDT mentor, Brad Bartlett attends the Papillion LaVista School District Employee Recognition Week speaking to about 250-300 faculty and staff members.

**COLUMBUS:** The Columbus Regional Career Dream team presented to the Lions Club in Columbus regarding their DIDI activities.

## Innovation Award



Behlen Mfg. Co.-Columbus and Majors Plastics, Inc.-Omaha are the recipients of the 2009 Nebraska Innovation in Manufacturing Award. Both companies were honored April 24th at the Nebraska Chamber of

Presenting the Award is Tony Urban, RSM McGladrey (left), along with Chairman of the State Chamber's Manufacturing Council (far right). Accepting the award on behalf of Behlen Mfg. Co. are Heather Macholan, Director of Quality and PR; Phil Raimondo, CEO; and Tony Raimondo, Chairman.

Commerce & Industry's Manufacturers Council annual meeting.

Sponsored by the State Chamber and RSM McGladrey, the award recognizes manufacturers who are successfully implementing new ways of conducting business through the use of products, processes, technologies and strategies.



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