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Students Will See Behind the Walls on Manufacturing Days

How many times have you driven past a local manufacturing, power, or transportation company, only to pass it by without giving a thought to what really goes on behind the scenes? In April, Nebraska's Dream It. Do It. partners have scheduled four days to focus on showing high school students the exciting processes that go on behind the walls in an effort to promote rewarding careers in manufacturing and related businesses.

Omaha has scheduled high school tours for April 1 and April

“If you want to get students engaged and excited about manufacturing and related businesses, you’ve got to let them see the exciting things that go on behind those walls.”

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8 that will include Airlite Plastics, Lozier Manufacturing, Tri-V Tool & Mfg. Co., Valmont Industries, OPPD and Nebraska Machinery Company.

Lincoln, meanwhile, will host tours on April 11 & 18 that will include Kawasaki, Duncan Aviation, Square D, Lincoln Machine,

Sandhills Publishing and TMCO. A total of eight high schools will be bringing 148 students to learn about the companies. The list of schools ranges from nearby Wahoo to Southeast Consolidated, to Chambers, and all the way west to Leyton, located just north of Sidney in the Nebraska panhandle.



Ride a Bus, Dream About New Career

If you've seen this poster, odds are that you've been a passenger on a Metro Area Transit bus. The transportation provider recently started to adorn the inside of its buses with the new Dream It. Do It. poster. People interested in learning about starting an educa-

tional path or pursuing skills training for rewarding careers are encouraged to call or go on-line to the Metro Community College contact information on the poster.

Spring Dream Team Coming for CWS

The NAMC is excited to announce it is currently coordinating an effort to promote its second Nebraska Career Dream Team. After a successful campaign that tied the 2007 Fall Career Dream Team to the success of Nebraska football, the 2008 Spring Career Dream Team will be in conjunction with the 2008 College World Series, scheduled June 14-25 at Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium.

Nine young adults (age 26 and under) will make up the roster for the spring promotion.

Companies who want to sponsor the Nebraska Dream It. Do It. campaign and spotlight one of the bright young adults in their business should contact Dwayne Probyn at dbp628@aol.com or 402-344-6122.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- MARCH 27-29: SkillsUSA state conference at Columbus
- MARCH 27: Columbus Area DIDI meeting at Loup Power, 11:30 a.m.
- MARCH 28: High School Transition Fair at Southeast CC, Beatrice
- APRIL 3: FFA Career Fair at Lincoln Pershing Auditorium, 1 p.m.
- APRIL 16: Lincoln Area DIDI meeting, site TBA, 11:30 a.m.
- APRIL 18: Metro Community College Career Fair at South Omaha Campus
- APRIL 24: Omaha Northwest High School Career Day

See our web calendar at www.dreamit-doit.com/Nebraska/events.html

NAMC Scorecard



2008 Events We've Attended	Est. Attend.	Est. Contacts	Quality Contacts
High School Career Fairs	1,450	250	100
Classroom presentations	380	380	380
College Career Fairs	720	260	130
Civic/Community Presentations	207	207	207
Mfg. Tours	165	165	165
Miscellaneous	<u>337</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>107</u>
Year-to-date 2008	3,259	1,369	927
Totals from 2006-2007 Events	<u>18,818</u>	<u>8,904</u>	<u>4,736</u>
Campaign Totals	22,077	10,273	5,663

Good Words About Job Shadow

The Lincoln Public Schools job shadowing program that took place in February was an admitted success by both school officials and the companies who hosted high school students. But it's always nice to hear a compliment out of the blue.

While getting his car washed recently, Don Knop of Lincoln Machine recently ran into a student who participated in the program. The student told Knop he enjoyed the experience and was excited about a decision to go into the manufacturing field.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

COLUMBUS: Dream It. Do It. was represented at the "Career Opportunity Fair" at Central Community College, Columbus Campus that included "hands-on" and "life skills" components. The fair drew 460 students (mostly grades 8-10) from schools surrounding Columbus.

FREMONT: Midland Lutheran College hosted its first Dodge County Career Day that included an estimated 450 local high school students who were exposed to 71 different career topics. One of them included Future Force speaker Randy Vlasin, who promoted careers in manufacturing industries as rewarding, high-tech opportunities. All students received a DIDI wrist band and the Career World Magazine.

COLUMBUS: Columbus played host to a Regional Leaders Summit that attracted between 230-250 business leaders. Columbus Area director Angie Ramaekers represented Dream It. Do It. at the event.

LEXINGTON: DIDI hosted a booth at the Dawson County Career Fair at the Dawson County Fairgrounds. An estimated 375 students attended the event, with more than 50 students completing contact cards to learn more about DIDI.

OMAHA: Dream It. Do It. posters were fitted and placed on all 137 buses in the Metro Area Transit fleet.

GIBBON: Hastings Area Director Kelly Christensen presented the DIDI campaign to the Gibbon Area Chamber of Commerce.

OMAHA: Metro Community College hosted a career fair sponsored by the American Welding Society. The event at the South Omaha campus drew approximately 60 potential students.

GRAND ISLAND: Kelly Christensen was a guest speaker for The Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Board and also served as a panelist discussing best practices in "Enhancing the Workforce Through Creative Solutions."

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

HEBRON: MetalQuest Ltd. of Hebron hosted a tour for the Deshler High School drafting class that included five students.

LINCOLN: After touring Southeast Community College's Milford campus, 28 Raymond Central High School students also toured Lincoln Machine, Inc., in the afternoon.

GRAND ISLAND: NAMC Chairman Tony Raimondo was the guest speaker Feb. 27 at the Grand Island Area Economic Development Annual Meeting at Holiday Inn. Raimondo addressed 172 Grand Island business leaders about the need to educate parents and students about great jobs in Nebraska.

KEARNEY: Students from Kearney, Elm Creek and Amherst participated in a "2-Track" Career Education Tour day in Kearney that included the manufacturing and transportation industries. Students toured companies in one of the industries in the morning, then were hosted to a lunch and continued with tours of the other industry in the afternoon.

KEARNEY: Dwayne Probyn attended "The State of Our Economy" seminar at the Kearney Holiday Inn for a discussion on how the economy in Buffalo County is performing. A panel representing education, medical care, manufacturing, agriculture and tourism discussed what the next 12 to 18 months holds for each sector of our economy.

OMAHA: Dream It. Do It. hosted a booth at Papillion-LaVista South High School that included an estimated 700 freshmen and sophomores at the school's career fair. Approximately 100 students visited the DIDI booth.

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