



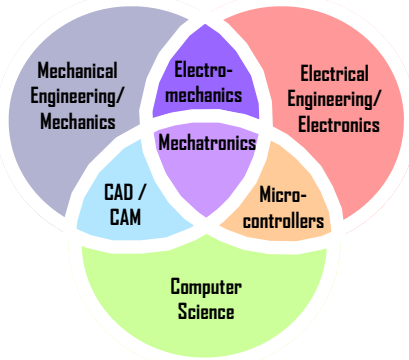
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Strong Business and Education Partnerships Continue!

MECHATRONICS



The Mechatronics Education Center (MEC) based at Central Community College in Columbus continues to develop relationships with industry and education. In the past four years, leaders in Mechatronics have engaged more than 15,000 students, educators, workers, with course training, workshops, professional development, and outreach sessions. Thousands of people from more than 27 countries have learned about the MEC at www.mechatronics-mec.org and on YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/MecEducationCenter.

The MEC has teamed up with Dream It. Do It. and FutureForce Nebraska to emphasize high-tech careers in advanced manufacturing. In fact, more than 186 high school students enrolled in college courses at CCC since fall 2006, and over 155 faculty from more than 60 high schools and colleges have participated in MEC professional development workshops.

Recently, the MEC has collaborated with the University of Nebraska and the Peter Kiewit Institute. Last year, MEC team members participated in PKI's Silicon Prairie Initiative for Robotics in Information Technology (SPIRIT). This June, CCC and the MEC partnered with PKI and Columbus Public Schools to offer a Summer Robotics Institute for middle and high school mathematics, science, and technology teachers. Growing the awareness of robotics as an educational resource is yet another step in the path to building a stronger, more technically proficient workforce.

Dream It. Do It. Nebraska on Facebook — Search for DreamIt DoIt Nebraska and join us for up-to-date information, new videos, photos, calendar events, and more!

Career Fairs Highlight Great Opportunities

"Striving to help young adults select education paths to obtain 21st century skills and achieve good paying careers in advanced manufacturing and related business."



Dan Davidcheck—Central Community College demonstrates Mechatronics to students with a robotic car.

That is one of DIDI's missions. High School Career Fairs across Nebraska give DIDI opportunities to share our information with students.

Last month Dream it. Do it. spoke with hundreds of students about the exciting, good paying careers in advanced manufacturing and related businesses.



A hands-on welding demo provided by Central Community College—Grand Island at the Dawson Area Career Fair.



Dwayne Probyn, DIDI Executive Director, conducts Mock Interviews with students from Bellevue East and West.



Smeal Fire Apparatus Co. hosts a plant tour to the sophomore and junior classes from Scribner-Snyer High School.



Columbus Regional Career Dream Team talk to students at the Columbus Career Fair about exciting careers in advanced manufacturing and related business.

In March alone we collected over 250 Capture Cards, presented to over 300 students, gave students manufacturing tours, did hands-on activities, etc.

It has been a very exciting year for DIDI and the tremendous strides that are occurring could not be possible without the help of all our wonderful volunteers, mentors, and all those engaged in the DIDI Campaign!

THANK YOU!

NAMC Scorecard



Reasons To Celebrate!

MARCH 2009

FACEBOOK: Search for Dreamit Doit Nebraska—become a member!

OMAHA: Millard North High School Tech Expo. CDT Mentor manned a booth and talked to about 100 students.

FREMONT: Midland College hosted a Career Fair for Fremont HS students. Brad Bartlett, CDT Mentor manned a booth and sat on a panel in a classroom. He spoke to about 100 students.

OMAHA: Stan Wilcox—Paxton Vierling Steel and Annie Crimmins—Conductix Wampfler represented DIDI at the Benson High School Career Day—spoke with well over 100 students—collected 104 Capture Cards.

LB476: Support of LB 476—adopt the Center for Student Leadership and Learning Act—career education student organizations like Skills USA.

OMAHA: Millard North Career Expo.

COLUMBUS: Columbus Regional Career Fair—565 students attended, over 100 students did the activity at the DIDI booth.

SNYDER: Tour of Smeal Fire Apparatus Company by 40 sophomores and juniors from Scribner-Snyder High School and presentation on DIDI.

OMAHA: Bellevue West and East Mock Interviews. DIDI Reps interviewed about 12 students.

LEXINGTON: About 500 students attended the Dawson County Career Fair with almost 100 capture cards collected.

LINCOLN: Job Shadowing—Eric Knoll with Lincoln Public School system had approx. 40 students on 16 job shadowing experiences with 8 different industries in Lincoln.

OMAHA: Brad Bartlett and Jim Vyhldal of Tri V Tool attended 2 career fairs - Papillion-LaVista and Papillion- LaVista South High School.

OMAHA: Career Connection Day—Beverage Magnet Middle School—Ron DeBord spoke with approx. 100 students.

COLUMBUS: Leadership Summit—Linking Business and Education—DIDI Board Members Catherine Lang, Roger Breed, and Richard Baier along with DIDI Extension Committee members Jim Vyhldal and Jean Brown sat on panels during the summit.

Career Dream Team Mentor of the Month

BRAD BARTLETT TRI-V TOOL & MFG.



Congratulations to Brad Bartlett of Tri-V Tool and Mfg. in Omaha, Nebraska our March Mentor of the Month.

Brad has been representing Dream It. Do It. at a number of career opportunity fairs throughout the months of March and February. In March he went to the career fair

in Fremont and spoke to two classes regarding the topic “So You Don’t Want To Go To College”.

Apart from Career Fairs, he attended DACUM meeting for the Machine Tool Technology program at SCC Lincoln and Milford. DACUM is an acronym for Developing A Curriculum. They were working on development of the curriculum for the Machine Tool Program.

Brad has also been working with Tri-V Tool’s internship program helping to find new interns for their program.

Keep up the good work Brad!

2009 Events We've Attended	Est. Attend.	Est. Contacts	Quality Contacts
High School Career Fairs	3,568	1090	433
Classroom presentations	697	347	177
College Career Fairs	308	120	70
Civic/Community Presentations	36	36	36
Mfg. Tours	142	142	102
Miscellaneous	803	653	268
Year-to-date 2009	5,554	2,388	1,086
Totals from 2006-2008 Events	<u>38,437</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>9,472</u>
Campaign Totals	43,991	18,388	10,558

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