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Are You Smarter Than a 3rd-grader?

Quick – what is the definition of capital resources? If you answered that capital resources is “the money used to buy tools and raw materials and hire people to make things,” then you’re as smart as a 3rd-grader at the Papillion-LaVista Portal Elementary School. That vocabulary word, along with producers, consumers, human resources, factory, and assembly, are among the many that the elementary students are being tested over in the school’s business and manufacturing curriculum.

On May 2, the class got a real-life look at a manufacturing company when it visited Tri-V Tool & Mfg. in Omaha. It was obvious that teachers Alissa Pasinski, Danielle Inserra, Kathy Thomas, Kristen Tibbetts and Lois Erickson had the students informed, as questions came in rapid fire.

“Wow, what an experience,” said Jim Vyhldal, who organized the tour. Tri-V employees also answered questions regarding the machines used to make their products, who orders their products, who uses them, and the human resources needed.



Scott Vyhldal of Tri-V Tool & Mfg. of Omaha gets besieged with questions from a group of 3rd-grade students from the Papillion-LaVista Portal Elementary School. Vyhldal was showing the students a high-tech defibrillator unit, which Tri-V has a hand in manufacturing.

DIDI To Team Up With Saltdogs, NU

Dream It Do It will be on the big screen, little screens, on the air and in the seats as it teams up with the Lincoln Saltdogs and the Nebraska Cornhuskers to promote careers in manufacturing and related businesses. Thanks to contributions from Lincoln companies TMCO and Teledyne Isco, the Lincoln Area Dream It Do It will be the “Sponsor of the Game” for the July 18 Lincoln Saltdogs con-

test with the St. Paul Saints at Haymarket Park. The promotional campaign will include signage, video and radio spots during the remainder of the Saltdogs’ season, and will also include the 2009 Husker baseball season.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- June 11: Presentation at the Nebraska Career Education Conference, Kearney
 - June 16: Presentation to educators at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Summer Connection
 - June 20: DIDI Booth at the Mid-Plains Business Association Conference
- 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	3,250	900	279
Classroom presentations	683	683	683
College Career Fairs	720	260	130
Civic/Community Presentations	207	207	207
Mfg. Tours	483	483	483
Miscellaneous	<u>4,274</u>	<u>839</u>	<u>244</u>
Year-to-date 2008	9,617	3,372	2,026
Totals from 2006-2007 Events	<u>18,818</u>	<u>8,904</u>	<u>4,736</u>
Campaign Totals	28,435	12,276	6,762

Raimondo Throws a Strike

NAMC Chairman Tony Raimondo isn't considering a new career in baseball. But his return to the mound was a good one when he threw out the first pitch before a recent Omaha Royals baseball game. Raimondo, a standout ballplayer in his high school days, threw a strike during the pregame. He also told an estimated 1,900 fans about the rewarding careers available in manufacturing and related businesses in an on-field interview. DIDI was featured as the Royals' "Community Organization of the Night."

MAY ACTIVITIES

LINCOLN: Linda Lichtenberg presented Dream It Do It to 106 members of the Lincoln HR Managers at their meeting at Hidden Valley Golf Course. Madonna Humphrey from Lenco arranged this opportunity.

OMAHA: The NAMC and Dream It Do It were recognized as the "Community Organization of the Night" at the May 12 Omaha Royals contest with Tacoma. DIDI hosted a booth at the stadium entrance, NAMC Chairman Tony Raimondo threw out a ceremonial first pitch and was featured in an on-the-field interview before the game. And Career Dream Team member Brad Bartlett of Tri-V Tool & Mfg. Co. was interviewed live by Omaha Royals radio play-by-play man Mark Nasser during the third inning on Omaha radio station 1420 KOTK.

OMAHA: DIDI representative Jim Vyhldal attended the OPS Technology Day at Benson High School. Students competed in events that included Hubbell Crafts, Coin Toss, CO₂ racing cars, welding, and wood and metal projects. Tri-V Tool & Mfg. sponsored the metal project this year and provided the 1st Place trophy. Vyhldal also had the DIDI table set up that day and had a couple teachers who requested the "In demand" and "Career World" magazines for their classrooms on the subject of manufacturing.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

OMAHA: The Nebraska Advanced Mfg. Coalition and Tri-V Tool and Mfg. Co. received a "Certificate of Appreciation" from Omaha Public Schools for outstanding contributions, leadership, and dedication to Omaha Public Schools from the Superintendent's Career Education Advisory Council 2007-2008.

OMAHA: Tri-V Tool and Mfg. Co. hosted a meeting with high school industrial education teachers from Millard, Papillion-LaVista and Ralston school districts and local businesses, including Nebraska Machinery, Valmont and Tri-V. The business leaders discussed the kinds of job skills they are looking for in the positions that are currently in high demand. The teachers were interested in getting businesses involved with students who have good potential. The aim is to show students a direction in their career searches, including the educational paths to get into their job skills. The effort could also help schools with their budgets and activities.

LINCOLN: Kevin Stevenson of Novartis presented to nearly 60 students at Lincoln Northeast High School.

LINCOLN: Cheston Coffin of TMCO spoke to approximately 75 students at Lincoln Southwest about rewarding careers in manufacturing.

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