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*Helping students understand global challenges and education paths to obtain skills that
lead to good paying careers in manufacturing and related*

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WOMEN IN MANUFACTURING

On February 5th, 122 women were recognized from over 90 companies for their significant achievement and positive impacts on their companies at the 2013 Women in Manufacturing STEP Awards honoring women in manufacturing.



Heather Macholan, Corporate Director of Quality Systems at Behlen Mfg. Co. in Columbus, Nebraska was one of the 122 award recipients. Heather responsibilities range from system implementation to continuous improvement and quality system au-

ditig. She implements all company certifications and accreditations, is liaison with outside quality system auditing firms, and coordinates all audits and third party inspections.

Women represented a diverse range of manufacturing careers from welders and quality inspectors, to designers and CEOs. Their stories represent wonderful STEP careers (Science, Technology, Engineering and Production) and make a statement about the role women play in ensuring our nation's competitiveness and economic vitality through their commitment to manufacturing!

UNIVERSITY WEEK AT COLUMBUS AREA GRADE SCHOOLS

Dee Pohl — Over 83 fourth and fifth grade students at Platte Center and Shell Creek Elementary schools took place in the exciting University Week program, coordinated by the Columbus Area Chamber's Drive for Five.

The students experienced a week of events, including Meet and Greet opportunities from approximately 25 business reps, college reps and parents. An alumni Q&A session also helped to drive home the message that it is never too early to start thinking about college. And, no matter what your situation, your college dreams are achievable...

Columbus Regional
Career Dream
Team Mentors—
Tyler Bertsch, Beh-
len Mfg. Co. and
Jon Rauner, BD



Medical, talk to stu-
dents about careers
available and what
level of education is
needed.



EDUCATORS IN INDUSTRY



Linda Lichtenberg—Ken Halver-
son, P.E., is a Project Engineer at
Lincoln Composites and an in-
structor at the University of Ne-
braska, teaching Manufacturing
Methods.

Ken arranged tours for his mechanical engineering students at Lincoln Machine and Lincoln Composites. Don Knop, Lincoln Machine, took several groups through Lincoln Machine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mar. 15 | Education in Industry Day—Columbus |
| Mar. 20 | Holdrege Career Fair |
| Mar. 20 | Dawson County Career Fair |
| Mar. 26 | Fremont Career Day— Midlands Community College |
| Apr. 11-13 | Skills USA—Hastings |

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Last September, Forging Nebraska's Future launched the Nebraska Ideas web site to solicit public ideas on how to make Nebraska even better for the Next Generation.



More than 545 ideas were submitted and broken down into categories. The results of this project were recently showcased in the "100 Next Generation Ideas" brochure.

The six main strategies include:

- 1) **Modernize Government & Improve Efficiency.**
- 2) **Cultivate a Dynamic Education System**
- 3) **Create a World-Class Workforce**
- 4) **Foster a Strong Business Climate**
- 5) **Build Healthy and Connected Communities**
- 6) **2x22 (2 million residents by 2022)**

NAMC supports and is enthused about the direction Forging Nebraska's Future is taking. **Create a World-Class Workforce** aligns with Dream It. Do It's mission and strategies.

Suggestions include:

- #47—Incorporate entrepreneurship awareness and exploration into Nebraska's curricula.
- #48—Establish a statewide focus on career academies to assure that

high school students explore and learn about career and post-secondary educational opportunities before they graduate.

#49—Reemphasize the role of community colleges in preparing students for careers in skilled and technical areas.

#50—Create regional vocational tech high schools linked directly to community colleges for skills training and obtaining academic credit.

#51—Conduct a review of all K-12 and higher education curriculums to determine that curriculums support job opportunities.

#52—Enhance job training and education programs to assure an available and highly-skilled workforce for Nebraska's manufactures.

#53—Highly encourage all higher education students to complete a for-credit internship/practicum in their field of study prior to graduation.

Forging Nebraska's Future is focused on identifying strategic areas for a positive impact on Nebraska. Hopefully all interested in Nebraska's future will continue to provide input and support.

For more information go to: http://www.nechamber.net/dnn/Portals/7/FNF-ResearchMaterials/100GreatNextGenerationIdeas_2013.pdf

NAMC SCORECARD 2013

| 2013 Events Attended | Est. Attend. | Est. Contacts |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| High School Career Fairs | 73 | 73 |
| Classroom Presentations | 368 | 349 |
| Community Presentations | 100 | 100 |
| Mfg. Tours / Job Shadows | 36 | 36 |
| DIDI Meetings | 80 | 80 |
| DIDI Booth | 2400 | 1300 |
| Buzz Newsletters | 822 | 822 |
| News Media | | |
| Website Traffic | 413 | 413 |
| Year-to-date 2013 | 4,292 | 3,173 |
| Campaign Totals 2006-current | 141,974 | 92,890 |

Husker Sports Radio Campaign 2012

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| Radio Interview (39 stations across NE—three-minute spots on Husker game day) | 1,638 "spots" |
| Radio Commercials (KFAB - #1 station in NE) | 110 (:30 spots) |
| DIDI Facebook—630 Likes | |
| DIDI Twitter: 432 Tweets/379 Followers/349 Following | |

2013 NEBRASKA ROBOTICS EXPO



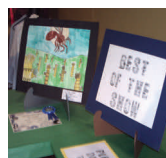
Since 2010, organizations across Nebraska have partnered to host a unique education robotics

event: The Nebraska Robotics Expo; and on Feb. 16th, the excitement was happening again— at the Strategic Air and Space Museum.

The event features the Nebraska FIRST LEGO League Championship Tournament, the Junior FIRST LEGO League Fair and the CEENBoT Showcase.

The theme for this year's event was Ag-Robotics: Past, Present, and Future. Forty-eight participating teams have

each designed and programmed robots made entirely out of Legos.



A Creative Visual Arts Expo was also there to showcase creative design and robotics.

CEENBoT award categories were:

- Ball Course** (Gather the Animals)
- Arena Robot Foosball** (Cow Chip Ball)
- Navigation Course** (Distribute the Feed)
- Autonomous Course** (Field Attention)
- Student Presentations and Documentation**

See more at <http://www.ceen.unl.edu/CEENBoT/Showcase/>