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New NAMC Board Member



Dr. Ken Bird, CEO/President of Bright Futures Foundation joined the NAMC Board of Directors on July 13th.

The Bright Futures Foundation in Omaha, Nebraska provides graduation assistance and access to and completion of post secondary programs to Omaha area high school students who have academic promise and financial need.

Prior to joining the Bright Futures Foundation, Dr. Bird was Superintendent of the Westside Community Schools in Omaha for 16 years and has received many outstanding awards including:

- Nebraska Superintendent of the Year, 1998
- Nebraska Council of School Administrators' Distinguished Service Award
- The UNL Teachers College, David W. Hutcheson Award for Distinguished Service to Education
- UNO, Department of Education, Distinguished Alumni Award
- Friend of the Horace Mann League Award

- Expert Lecturer at Huazhong University in Wuhan, China
- "2003 Tech-Savvy Superintendent Award" winner—eSchool News, a national newspaper
- American Association of School Administrators President's Technology Award, sponsored by Apple Computer Inc., 2003
- Plus several more!

Dr. Bird was appointed to the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission. He currently serves on several boards and is very active in the community and throughout the state!

Dr. Bird and his wife, Annie, have served as honorary benefit chairs for the Children's Hospital Gala, Ronald McDonald House Charities, the UNMC "Kicks for a Cure" and the Charles Drew Health Center Annual Dinner.

Dr. Bird exemplifies a commitment to advocacy for all children! We are pleased, and very fortunate to have Dr. Bird join our NAMC Board!

CCC Promoting Robotics



Central Community College—Hastings hosted a VEX Robotic Summer Workshop for 33 Industrial Tech, Math and Science teachers from across the state. Each school that at-

tended received a VEX robotic competition bundle package valued at \$750 to be utilized in their classroom to promote interest in manufacturing related fields. During the three day event, the teachers assembled, programmed and competed against each other to see who built the best robot.



Central Community College collaborated with the Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora to host a week long 4-H GEAR Tech-21

summer camp in an effort to expose more children to robotics. CCC provided the Lego Mindstorm NXT kits in hopes to get kids excited about math and science and eventually more interest in industrial technology classes and the skills needed for the manufacturing and related industries. The camp hosted 12 kids ranging in ages from 10-14. The kids had fun learning about GPS and building the perfect robot to perform different maneuvers.

Sponsorships appreciated
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NAMC Scorecard

2010 Events We've Attended	Est. Attend.	Est. Contacts
High School Fairs	3,675	1,140
Classroom Presentations	666	666
Career (Job) Fairs	200	100
Civic/Community Presentations	594	594
Mfg. Tours / Job Shadows	215	215
Community Booths	1,200	300
Other/Misc.	103	103
Year-to-date 2010	6,653	3,118
Campaign Totals 2006-current	61,276	27,698



Volunteers Needed Nebraska State Fair

We are still in need of volunteers to work at the booth August 27th—Sept. 6th. This is a great opportunity for Career Dream Team mentors to get out and talk to people about the exciting careers available in their area.

To volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Robin Wheeler at rwheeler@cccneb.edu.

Reasons to Celebrate

OMAHA: DIDI will be hosting manufacturing tours and will speak to Bright Futures Avenue Scholars. This year the program is extended to include 74 Bright Futures students, year round instead of just during the summer. Currently there are about 12 businesses signed up willing to open their facilities for tours.

DVD: Video shoots are complete for the new DIDI DVD. A draft of the DVD was shown to the Board of Directors and is in the process of some final adjustments.

ANNUAL REPORT: DIDI will be putting out its first Annual Report in July. The report will highlight DIDI growth, accomplishments, and future strategic planning.

COLUMBUS: Columbus working on candidates for their Regional Career Dream Team.

STATE: Gathering questionnaires for the selection of the Nebraska Career Dream Team.

SIoux CITY: Plans are underway for a Dream It. Do It. launch and Area Director announcement in Sioux City.