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## **Illinois Central College Hosts Hands-On Ready to Work Expo Showcasing High-Demand Career Pathways**

Illinois Central College will welcome hundreds of local high school students and community members to its East Peoria campus for the annual Ready to Work Expo, a two-day event highlighting high-demand, higher-wage career opportunities that support Central Illinois workforce needs.

The Ready to Work Expo introduces students to career and technical education pathways through hands-on activities, equipment demonstrations, interactive displays, and lab tours. Participants will also have the opportunity to connect with ICC faculty and industry professionals to learn more about in-demand fields and the training required to succeed in today's evolving economy.

### **Event Details:**

**Thursday, February 19 | 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, February 20 | 10:00 a.m. to noon**

**Illinois Central College**

**East Peoria Campus**

**Photo/Video Opportunities:** Students using equipment, participating in activities, and engaging with faculty and industry experts.

### **Available for interviews:**

- Dana King, Dean of Agricultural and Industrial Technology
- Faculty members from Career and Technical Education programs
- Industry professionals

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Illinois Central College is a two-year community college with campuses in East Peoria, Peoria and Pekin, Illinois, providing a high-quality, affordable education to prepare students to enter the workforce or to transfer to a four-year institution. ICC is the 2020 awardee of the National Community College Charles Kennedy Equity Award from

ACCT, a 2022 and 2025 EDA Good Job Challenge Institution, and the Lead College for the state of Illinois' Workforce Equity Initiative. ICC also conducts original research in agricultural fields, including water quality and soil conservation. For more information, visit [icc.edu](http://icc.edu).