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Bright Futures

The Bright Futures Foundation is designed to support students of talent and need through high school, college, and into the workforce. Eighteen students from the program will be attending college in the Fall. These are first generation college students with an average high school GPA of 2.2-2.5 from low-wealth families.

These 18 students are enrolled in a five-week summer program with Metro Community College where they will be attending classes Monday—Thursday.

Dream It. Do It. will be hosting tours of businesses on Fridays this summer during the five-week summer bridge program to provide these students a first hand look at the many career opportunities that are available to them in the region.

The role of the Bright Futures Foundation staff is to wrap support services around their students to assist in their successful journey with their education and career goals. Dream It. Do It. supports their goals and wish these students much success!

MAY Mentor(s) of the Month

Columbus Regional Career Dream Team

The entire Columbus Regional Career Dream Team (CRCDT) has been selected as May's Mentor(s) of the Month!

This team has worked throughout the school year on numerous activities spreading the word to students about careers in advanced manufacturing and related businesses.



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It is time to start looking for our FOURTH Career Dream Team! Once again we will be spotlighting young adults with careers in advanced manufacturing and related businesses at the Nebraska Husker Football home games in Lincoln!

As in previous years, each Career Dream Team member will receive two tickets to a game, tickets to the Husker Sports Network tailgate party, a CDT shirt, and do a live 5 minute radio broadcast interview during the Husker Pre-Game show. The interview will be made into a commercial to be aired throughout the season all across Nebraska on the Husker Sports Network stations.

If you are a sponsor company or want to become one, start thinking of your talented young employees (age 16-26) to be spotlighted on our Career Dream Team. If you have a candidate, send an email to Juli Thelen at juli.thelen@behlenmfg.com for more information and a questionnaire.

Eagle Raceway



The Dream It. Do It. 30 second movie trailer started showing at the Eagle Raceway on Saturday, May 30th.

We have contracted for 14 nights of racing. Eagle Raceway gave us seven nights free and we will pay for the other seven nights. The ad will also be used for a filler during the race as needed.

To view the 30 second movie trailer go to: <http://www.dreamit-doit.com/nebraska/media/videos.html>

NAMC Scorecard



2009 Events We've Attended	Est. Attend.	Est. Contacts	Quality Contacts
High School Career Fairs	5,468	1,890	683
Classroom presentations	1132	782	562
College Career Fairs	308	120	70
Civic/Community Presentations	366	366	366
Mfg. Tours	385	385	345
Miscellaneous	1778	761	351
Year-to-date 2009	8,612	4,221	2,294
Totals from 2006-2008 Events	<u>38,437</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>9,472</u>
Campaign Totals	47,874	20,304	11,849

Reasons To Celebrate!

MAY 2009

- LINCOLN:** Lincoln Machine nominated as Business Partner for Career and Technical Education by the Nebraska Department of Education.
- COLUMBUS:** Columbus Regional Career Dream Team wrap up their presentations to 6th and 8th grade students at the Columbus Middle School. Throughout the year they spoke to around 500 students.
- OMAHA:** Bright Futures and Dream it. Do it. team up to provide manufacturing tours to Bright Futures students planning on attending college in the Fall (see article below).
- OMAHA:** Health and Safety Summit held at the Quest Center in Omaha with attendance over 825.
- NEBRASKA:** Executive Director signs contract for 3rd season with the Husker Sports Network for our Career Dream Team broadcasts.
- LINCOLN:** Eagle Raceway to air the Dream It. Do It. commercial on the Megatron for 14 nights beginning May 30th.
- NEBRASKA:** Executive Director, Dwayne Probyn attends the Executive Leadership Council meeting in Washington D.C.

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MAY Mentor(s) of the Month

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They have spoken to around 500 6th and 8th grade students, attended career fairs in the region, helped at the Skills USA event in Columbus, had a booth at the Columbus High School during the lunch periods, attended the Columbus DIDI meetings, and are planning activities for this summer. They are motivated and eager to help—Thanks to all of you!!!

We would also like to commend Angie Raemakers, Area Director for the Columbus / Platte County Region for a job well done in organizing the speaking arrangements and keeping the CRCDT active!

Columbus Regional Career Dream Team Members

Christine Drott, Behlen Mfg. Co.
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