



Activities and Projects Updates Summary

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Please provide a bulleted synopsis of major activities and projects in which you or your organization are engaged that you would like to share with the group.

- Presented one BluePrint Engines employee \$2,500 longevity bonus in finishing a diploma in Advanced Manufacturing This employee maintained full-time employment and attended evening classes at CCC graduating with a diploma in December. The longevity bonus pilot program encourages enrollment in programs that upskill and increase wages for participants. In 2016 the EDC Board approved \$37,500 at \$2,500 per employee for anyone completing an electrical and/or mechatronics, advanced manufacturing program.
- Hosted a Basic QuickBooks Seminar in December with REAP providing the instructor with 25 attending.
- Hosted our 2nd annual Skilled and Resource Career Day at KHS. Central Community College Skilled and Technical Science programs along with Eaton, BluePrint Engines, Chief Agri Division, and Royal Engineered Composites were in attendance to bring students hands-on activities and speak with them one-on-one about jobs, pay and schooling and introduce job tasks they may encounter in specific job fields. CCC's mobile labs were: Electrical Fundamentals, Motor Controls, Pneumatic and PLC, Welding Simulator, Drafting, Diesel Technology, Advance Manufacturing and Design Technology, Auto Body and Auto Mechanics; Construction Technology and Heavy Equipment Operator Training.
- Hosted our Annual Workplace Experiences Luncheon in November. This event brings students involved in workplace experiences (job shadowing/internships) to businesses and entities such as the Department of Labor, Department of Education and InternNE. Students give testimonials about their experience and businesses are able to have resources there to guide them in how a partnership would work. The Culinary Arts students served the meal to approximately 50.
- Received our Certified Community recognition for the 3rd time in ten years. Lt. Gov. Foley and DED Business Development Consultant Kelly Gewecke presented the award at Kearney City Council on December 11th. Kearney is one of 39 communities to earn EDCC certification in the program, sponsored by the Nebraska Diplomats and administered by DED. State officials established the program in 2005 to recognize communities for preparedness to attract new industries and grow existing buildings.

**Calendar of Events Dates (workshops, conferences and events you are hosting/sponsoring)
Please provide date, event title and web links to information:**

We are partnering with the Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership and Intellicom to bring a training called "Cybersecurity for Manufacturers" February 12th at Intellicom from 8am-10am.

Leadership Nebraska is hosting the 3rd Annual Nebraska Leadership Summit in Lincoln at the Graduate Hotel on Tuesday, March 5th. The Summit is hosted by a partnership of Leadership Nebraska, Nebraska Bankers Association, Nebraska Hospital Association, Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association. It is open to graduates of any of the statewide leadership programs. We are on the planning committee for this event and are in the process of finalizing details on speakers and networking opportunities.

We are sponsoring CyberCamp again at UNK Campus, which will be held in June of 2019. In 2018 we had 60 area students register for the 4-day camp. Students were introduced to computer architecture and embedded systems hardware, networking concepts, computer programming and engineering. The new Cyber Security program at UNK began last fall.

We will also host the Career and Entrepreneurship Camp in June for students registered for the KCLC Program at Sunrise Middle School. In 2018 students presented their business ideas to members of the Young Professionals Network and Senator John Lowe and then sold their products at the Downtown Night Market.