

# White Bear Lake Area High School Career Pathways Program

Accelerating the path to college and careers



## Upcoming Events

- 8/1 - WBLAS Career Pathways Employer Breakfast at District Center
- 9/4 - First Day of School for WBLAS Grades 6-12
- 10/1 - Hot Jobs Series starts at North Campus
- 10/5 - National Manufacturing Day
- 10/18 & 10/19 - MEA Career Sampler with VHEDC
- 10/26 - Career Exploration Job Fair @ Century College
- 11/15 - Career Pathways Expo @ South Campus
- 12/3 - Career Day @ South Campus



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**Gen Z Connections.** The WBLAS Career Pathways Program has so much to be thankful for! We finished up our 2nd year of the **Gen Z Connections** Program. Two groups of 4 students were selected to participate in the paid experiential learning opportunity where students rotated through a variety of manufacturing companies. Students learned about engineering and design, machining, grinding, assembly, and an overall appreciation of manufacturing as a whole, including the application and on-boarding process. The students also earned their OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) 10 Industry Certification.

Congratulations to our 8 students who completed the program: Taylor Nelson, Carl Swanson, Kyle Anderson, Grant Unger, Jack Pendergast, Bela Larsen, Talley Kohler, and Stella Cotner. This program has solidified some of the students' decisions to pursue manufacturing in the future. Jeremy Kerg worked with the students throughout the summer and said, "Programs like this one allow students to explore and experience manufacturing so they can get an opportunity to make an informed decision about their professional future."

A big thank you to our dedicated employers: **Teamvantage, Superior Machine Inc., Renstrom Dental Studio, Mold Craft, Schwing America, Specialty Manufacturing, LasX/Flex Pak, and Pace Industries.** Your dedication to this program and White Bear Lake Area Schools is admirable. We appreciate all you do for Career Pathways and the local community. Grant said, "This program has exceeded all of my expectations for being able to show me what I will try for the future and pursue tool making which is what I have a passion for."

Bela added, "I expected the experience to be boring and dirty. I was very wrong. This internship has caused me to be more interested in manufacturing, appreciative of so many people involved in the processes, and given me a deeper understanding of a real job site."

Thanks to the classes offered in the Manufacturing Career Pathway at White Bear Lake Area High Schools, Stella was able to take Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, and Manufacturing & Applied Engineering I. "During the internship, I have seen things that we learned in class such as how to read a drawing and how hydraulic systems work."

As a 2018 graduate, Jack plans to pursue an Associate Degree in Applied Science at Century College. This experience, as well as, the OSHA 10 Industry Recognized Credential gives Jack an advantage as he begins his postsecondary pursuits.

Finally, thank you to **Vadnais Heights Economic Development Corporation, Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, White Bear Lake Area Education Foundation, Comcast, MN Department of Labor & Industry, White Bear Lake Area Schools, and Mold Craft & American Moldbuilders Association.** This program would not exist without the endless support from all of you! Check out the 2018 Gen Z Video by VHEDC [HERE!](#)

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