

Sioux Central students connect with local businesses

SIOUX RAPIDS – In an effort to assist existing companies create partnerships with local schools, the Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation hosted a Career Awareness Day at the Sioux Central High School on March 23. The purpose of the event was to make students aware of local job opportunities and the education needed to make them viable candidates for the positions.



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Dan Anderson, Director of Iowa Central Community College's Storm Lake Center, talked to students from the Sioux Central Industrial Tech Program about education needed to obtain different positions at local businesses.

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Companies that took part in the event were Sara Lee, Meridian Manufacturing, Rembrandt Enterprises, Positech, Ranco Fertiliservice and Iowa Central Community College. Three of the companies, Meridian, Rembrandt and Ranco, had former Sioux Central students that are now employees talk to the 35 industrial tech students that attended.

“The Welding Program at Iowa Lakes Community College prepared me for a good paying welding position at Meridian Manufacturing Group,” said former Sioux Central student Cody Hubbell, now a production welder at Meridian Manufacturing.

Dan Anderson, Director of Iowa Central Community College's Storm Lake Center, had information about the different courses available at ICC. When an employer noted a job opportunity, Anderson showed the students exactly what courses they would need to be qualified for that position. The students also learned about starting wages and how they can advance based on their training and experience on the job.

“An event like this provides the students a chance to hear directly from local companies about the job opportunities they have,” said Shaun Arneson, vice president of the Iowa Lakes Corridor. Some of the students stayed after the event to talk to employers and schedule walk-throughs with the companies.

This event could be easily replicated at other schools. If any schools are interested in arranging a similar event, contact Shaun Arneson at the Iowa Lakes Corridor at 712-264-3474 or sarneson@lakescorridor.com.



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Students from the Sioux Central
Industrial Tech Program talked to
representatives of six local
companies about job
opportunities that are available.



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