



■ Youth Program Services

The students of today are our employees of tomorrow. It's our job to expose students to the opportunities that exist within manufacturing. WIRE-Net's Youth Workforce Team serves as the bridge between manufacturing companies, teachers, students, and their parents to start building tomorrow's workforce.

The Youth Team taps into WIRE-Net's member network to bring businesses into the school and take students to companies. This bridge allows for a unique student work-based learning experience that prepares them for life after graduation and it allows companies to be involved in exactly what they are looking for in their future workforce.

Career Exploration Presentations

Speakers conduct interactive career related presentations to students. They discuss what it's like to work in their industry, career specific educational requirements, and personal examples of their own career paths.

Career Exploration Plant Tours

Plant tours give students the opportunity to get a firsthand look at the work environment, receive advice about careers and the type of training and educational coursework employees need. It also serves as an opportunity for students to see the manufacturing cycle in action.

Job Shadow Events

Job Shadows are short-term (approximately two hours), unpaid worksite experiences in which students spend time with an experienced worker to observe daily activities. Before the actual job shadow experience, students will go through a mock interview process with the shadow company.

If your company is interested in learning more about participating in the development of your future workforce by being involved in one of these activities, please contact Brianna Schultz, Director of Youth Programs, at 216.920.1967 or bschultz@wire-net.org.

Internships

Customized paid internship opportunities for individual students. WIRE-Net's internship program includes learning objectives, onsite observations, and career coaching. Internships are usually ten hours per week for ten weeks, but are customized on a case by case basis.

Teacher Externships

Placement of an educator team into a manufacturing facility for 2 or 3 days. This experience provides the educator with real life examples of how their subject matter is applied in the workplace.

Partnerships

WIRE-Net's Membership base allows us to tap into some of the most successful companies and career tech schools in our region. Our goal is to nurture relationships with schools and companies to create a seamless school to career pipeline for our region's youth.