



PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

For questions or to arrange a photo: NWILED @ 815-297-7361

Date: 03/29/2022

MANUFACTURING DAY RETURNS TO NW ILLINOIS

HANOVER, IL – Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED), in partnership with Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy (CTEA), and Jo-Carroll Energy, is pleased to announce that Manufacturing Day 2022 is planned for Wednesday, April 6. It is an occasion during which manufacturers open their doors to showcase the potential of modern manufacturing and foster interest in manufacturing careers. All high schools in Carroll and Jo Daviess Counties, plus Lena-Winslow in Stephenson, are participating and together are sending approximately 300 students to 16 different manufacturers and logistics companies across Northwest Illinois for site visits. Additionally, CTEA will offer students various learning sessions presented by local businesses.

An organizing committee comprised NWILED, CTEA, Jo-Carroll Energy, BEST Inc., Highland Community College, United Way of NW Illinois, and IMEC began planning Manufacturing Day last fall. “It is the committee’s hope that by offering this experience to our region's youth they better understand the opportunities available to them in Northwest Illinois after they graduate high school,” said David Schmit, NWILED interim director. “Our goal is to help stabilize the outward population migration of youth, increase the local workforce, and to bring attention to local career opportunities.”

A varied group of industries are represented in the event, from traditional manufacturing to logistics, agriculture, and energy. NWILED thanks the following businesses for opening their doors for site tours or for leading learning sessions: Adkins Energy, AmeriCold Logistics, Arrow Solar, Dupaco Community Credit Union, East Dubuque Nitrogen Fertilizers, Economic Growth Corporation - Shimer Square, Elkay Manufacturing, Estes Construction, Forster Products, Fritz Nursery & Garden Center, Guy's Truck & Tractor, Herrell Electric Services, Jo-Carroll Energy, KD Welding, Logistics Park Dubuque, Signcraft Screenprint, Riverport Railroad, T&T Iron & Metals, and Village of Stockton Public Works.

A special thank you to the Elizabeth Community Building for providing a space for student lunch, and to all the individuals from area businesses, municipalities, and chambers of commerce who volunteered their time.