



2017 Manufacturing & Education Connections Interactive Discussion Results June 14, 2017

Participants said

How are industry and education partnerships mutually beneficial? Whose responsibility is it to establish partnerships? How?

- Partnership promotes real world learning, enhances quality of students and workforce and prepares students with soft skills.
- Partners share mutual responsibility to continually reach across and form relationships, share knowledge, changes and trends.
- Partnership responsibility needs to come from the school systems, parents, businesses, government, non-profits and chambers of commerce.
- Partnerships are not sustainable when employers and educators are not measured against the results, thus they don't see it as beneficial in many cases.
- The community needs more frequent meetings like today's forum.
- Peer influence has incredible impact. Give young workers a platform to talk about salary, advancement opportunities, benefits and lifestyle for students and their parents.
- Sustainable commitment is required by employers and educators to establish field trips, information sharing sessions, career fairs, internships, apprenticeships and job shadow opportunities.

Photos from interactive discussion session



HOW ARE YOU MAKING THE CONNECTION?