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Matcom showcases industry to next generation

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Careers in cranes, rigging and specialized transport were on display on May 30, when Matcom hosted more than 200 students from high schools and colleges across Ontario at the company's facility in Vaughan, Ont.

Matcom hosted Lift & Move, an industry-led initiative to address the skills gaps in the crane, rigging and specialized transport sectors, along with partners the Crane Rental Association of Ontario, and Anderson Haulage. The event featured opportunities for students to interact with professionals at 10 different career stations that each offered a look at careers in various skilled trades, such as welding, rigging, project management, and heavy hauling.

"Popular shows like 'How It's Made' represent only a small part of the industrial sector," stated Matcom president Matthew Rix. "It's time to show the next generation of workers how the industrial machines they were watching were installed in factories. With the help of Lift & Move, Matcom and its partners will deliver a peek inside the world of rigging, heavy hauling, and cranes. Students will learn that this industry is the backbone of the industrial sector, and how these services impact their daily lives."



Students learn off about a career as a safety coordinator.



Matthew Rix, president of Matcom, welcomes students to Lift & Move.



A member of Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario assists a student with the OEFTO excavator simulator.



Industry veterans share their thoughts on a career in specialized transportation.



Students gather to watch a lift as part of learning about a career as a crane operator.