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ICP Volunteer Ambassadors Attend Events in Nebraska and Pennsylvania

Chicago, Ill.—April 3, 2017—Volunteer “Ambassadors” for Industrial Careers Pathway® (ICP) recently participated in two career fair events to raise awareness and attract entry-level talent to open positions in the field of industrial distribution and their own companies. Bill Sauter of OHARCO, Inc. spent time at Millard South High School in Omaha, Neb., on March 2. Also, Tom Tesoro of Jason Industrial Inc. A Megadyne Group Co., along Josh McGill and Kevin Maminski of Bartlett Bearing, Co., Inc., participated at the winter event at Williamson College of the Trades in Media, Pa. on February 15.

Sauter reported, “There were about 200 students who came through in shifts and I typically had two to four stopping together to ask about what we do. I explained that we have both warehouse and office needs and how we are always looking for young people who like to work with others and help customers solve problems. Most had never heard of industrial distribution and were excited to learn about the field.”

This was the first time Sauter participated in an ICP-coordinated career fair. Sauter, an ICP Steering Committee member, is president of OHARCO, Inc. which is a member of NBMDA (National Building Materials Distributors Association).

The Pennsylvania career fair at Williamson College of the Trades occurs twice yearly. This is a repeat performance for Tesoro and McGill who said they continue to be impressed by the students and the school.

McGill, operations manager for Bartlett Bearing Co., Inc., said, “Because this was my second experience at this event, it was everything I expected. We were able to speak to three instructors about how they prepare their students with the soft skills necessary to have an immediate impact on any organization they join. Personally I enjoy advocating for ICP but I also went to see if there would be any value for Bartlett Bearing.” The company is a member of PTDA (Power Transmission Distributors Association).



*Tom Tesoro, Jason Industrial Inc.
A Megadyne Group Co., talking to
a group of students at Williamson
College of the Trades.*

Tesoro, VP sales & marketing for is also a repeat participant. He said, “The school does a fantastic job of preparing these young people for careers in the trades. It is a pleasure to participate.” Jason Industrial is also a member of PTDA, in addition to NIBA-The Belting Association and other trade associations.

Attending local career events and getting to know the instructors and administrators at local high schools, as well as community and technical colleges helps industrial distribution employers develop relationships with “right-fit” individuals to fill entry-level open positions.

In addition to coordinating career event volunteers in the U.S. and Canada, ICP develops and delivers useful programs, services and tools to help industrial distribution employers recruit,

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hire, on-board, manage, train and retain entry-level employees. There are many resources available to the member companies of ICP Alliance Partner trade associations such as the free “Find-an-Intern” directory at IndustrialCareersPathway.org/FindAnIntern which companies can use to identify schools with student internship programs.

Industrial Careers Pathway® (ICP) is a multifaceted North American workforce initiative supported by an alliance of industry associations including American Supply Association, Heating Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International, Industrial Supply Association, National Association of Chemical Distributors, National Association of Electrical Distributors, NAHAD—The Association for Hose & Accessories Distribution, NIBA—The Belting Association, North American Building Material Distribution Association (NBMDA) and PTDA Foundation.

ICP links students and job seekers to career paths in industrial distribution and manufacturing through partnerships with local educators and employers. For more information, visit IndustrialCareersPathway.org/Hire, contact ICP at info@IndustrialCareersPathway.org or call +1.312.516.2100.

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