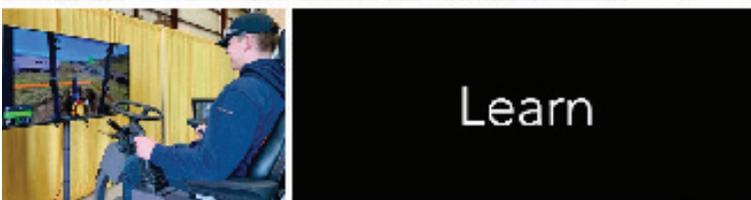


Experience



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On May 24, 2022, after a 2 year hiatus due to Covid, the second MiCareerQuest™ Northeast event once again introduced students to in-demand careers in northeast Michigan. The hands-on, career exploration event coordinated by Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium targeted 6th-12th grade students, offering interactive exhibits in construction, healthcare, manufacturing, and technology. The event was held at the Industrial Arts Institute in Onaway, MI.

The 2022 MiCareerQuest Northeast event was attended by over **900 students** from **22 schools** across the **11 county** region (Alpena, Alcona, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon). The event featured **48 exhibiting organizations**, showcasing more than **125 in-demand occupations**. Over **75 volunteers** from Michigan Works! agencies, partner organizations, local community groups, and businesses assisted with the event to make sure everything ran smoothly. More than 150 working professionals participated in the event, volunteering their time and eager to share their passion for their respective industries.

Student feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with statements like:

"I got to get a feel for jobs I hadn't really considered before the event"

"everyone was so friendly and some people were really excited about their careers"

"amazing experience - wish I had more time to try more things!"

"I hope we can go every year"

"I loved the exhibits that let us do hands-on activities"

"I could have spent my whole day here"

"this was such a cool experience for all the students, especially the ones that didn't know what they want to do after high school"

"I always used to say that I'd never want a job in the medical field, but after going on this trip, I've actually realized that I'm extremely interested in these careers!"

Posen student Shelby Donajkowski said, "MiCareerQuest provided knowledge on tons of different careers, some of which I have never even heard about. I liked the engagement and the way employers made learning about each career exciting and fun. I wish I had more time to visit each station. I had so much fun and the different prizes, educational pamphlets, and hands-on equipment was amazing!"

"The event was so incredibly organized and all of the volunteers were so friendly. The professionals worked so well with our students and kept them engaged and interested. This experience was extremely impactful in that it provided opportunities for our students to peer into the life of a working professional in high-demand industries. We felt so energized after attending and are so thankful to have had the chance to participate!" – Adrienne Dodd, teacher with Wolverine Schools

"This was an amazing opportunity for the schools and students to participate in. I wish that something like this would have been around when I was in high school. I would highly recommend this to any school." – Tairah Jasman, exhibitor from MyMichigan Health

The 2023 MiCareerQuest Northeast event will be held on May 4, 2023 at The Ellison Place in Gaylord. Over 2,000 students have registered to attend.