

# HILLYARD TECH TALK

*To prepare Hillyard Technical Center students for workforce success and continuous learning*



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## Heartland Foundation Announces First Annual Recipient of Think Ahead Award



St Joseph, MO (November 18, 2016) – On behalf of its Healthy Communities Regional Investor Partners and e2 education emPowers®, Heartland Foundation is pleased to announce the first recipient of the annual “Think Ahead Award.” The Award was presented during yesterday’s Regional Think Ahead Forum to collaborating partners of the Manufacturing Technician Certification (MT1) Program for their efforts to address the number one concern of local and regional employers – finding individuals with the necessary technical and vocational skills to fill much-needed advanced manufacturing positions.

To meet the criteria for the Think Ahead Award, qualifying initiatives must be action-oriented successes through collaborative efforts of multiple organizations or individuals; exhibit an innovative approach (new to the community or region); relate to the aspect of lifelong learning, birth through retirement; take place within a community of the 31-county geographic region of northwest Missouri and bordering counties in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa.

Collaborating partners in the MT1 initiative include the St. Joseph School District (Hillyard Technical Center), AT&T, Innovation Stockyard, Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, St. Joseph Workforce Development Alliance and United Way. The MT1 Program was originated by the Manufacturing Skills Institute, a program of the Virginia Manufacturers Association. MT1 is a highly-specialized training program based on manufacturing skills and the techniques and interrelationships found in advanced manufacturing. The certification program has been implemented at Hillyard Technical Center with an initial class of 23 students, participating over two semesters. Coursework includes training in math and measurement, spatial reasoning and manufacturing technology, and quality and business acumen. Upon completing the course, high school graduates will have the opportunity to pursue manufacturing jobs paying \$15 an hour and greater. In addition to the efforts of the collaborating partners, local manufacturers have assisted in providing the initial funding to support the program at Hillyard Technical Center.

Other initiatives nominated for the award include:

- BEST (Business and Education Succeed Together), a career exploration program for at-risk students. Partners include St. Joseph businesses, agencies and educators, with United Way Profit in Education serving as managing partner.
- “Invitation to Stay,” led by the Brookfield Area Growth Partnership, provides personalized mailboxes to high school graduates, containing alumni testimonials on the benefits and opportunities they have experienced in the Brookfield area. Other partners include the City of Brookfield, Brookfield Chamber of Commerce, Brookfield RIII School District, and Pershing Health Systems.
- Northwest Missouri Certified Work Ready Communities (CWRC), an initiative aimed at attracting, retaining and developing a workforce with the education and skills to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Six counties in northwest Missouri have received CWRC status and four are currently working toward certification. Collaborating partners include area Northwest Workforce Investment Board, Chambers of Commerce, economic developers, educators, Missouri Job Centers, and area businesses/employers.
- Northwest Rural School Advocate Network (NWRSAN), coordinated by the NWMO Regional Professional Development Center, a number of regional school district superintendents meet regularly to discuss common challenges and creative opportunities to address challenges of regional schools.

Serving as a catalyst, convener and innovator, Heartland Foundation is a public charity dedicated to championing education and empowering people to build healthy and thriving communities. Founded in 1982 and leading the region’s Healthy Communities Movement since 1994, the e2 education emPowers® initiative remains a priority for the continued improvement of the region’s health and economic vitality.

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**E2 SCHOLARSHIPS**

Amber Polachek and Bobbi Thompson (Surgical Technology), and Rachel Marmaud (Practical Nursing) are recipients of the E2 Scholarship. This scholarship is given for high school graduates from the St. Joseph School District attending a full-time program at Hillyard Technical Center.



**FIRE SCIENCE**

So proud of our morning firefighting students and instructor, Angie Jones. They completed 110 flights of stairs in honor of 9/11.



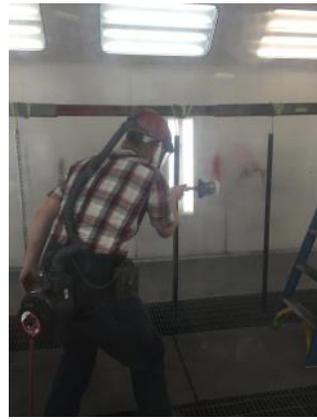
**BLOOD DRIVE**

Five Hundred and Eighty pints of blood are needed each day to help family, friends and neighbors. At our Blood Drive on October 25, 94 volunteers registered and 71 units of blood.



**AG SCIENCE**

Ag Science students receive goal setting lessons from a Northwest Missouri.



**COLLISION REPAIR**

A Collision Repair student practices his skills in the paint booth.



**FIRE SCIENCE**

A Fire Science student performs Fire & Rescue.

**MANUFACTURING DAY**  
Students observed Manufacturing Day in October by visiting various manufacturing plants throughout the city.



Students at Blue Tree



Students at Herzog



Students at Snorkel

*"The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work superbly well."*  
- William Osler

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**DECEMBER:**  
Dec 20 End of 2nd Quarter Grades  
Dec 21-Jan 2 Christmas Break

**JANUARY:**  
Jan 3 No School (Professional Development)  
Jan 16 No School (Martin Luther King day)  
Jan 20 Progress Reports mailed

