

Student → Manufacturers Connection Fair

Connecting the next generation of
innovators with Connecticut manufacturers

Second Annual
Monday, April 23, 2018
At The State Capitol
9:00AM - 1:00PM



Please sign up on website: www.housedems.ct.gov/Linehan/manufacturers

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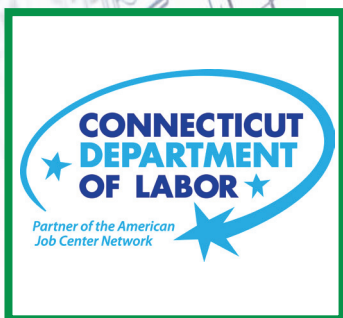
State Representative Liz Linehan

In 2016 Liz Linehan was elected to represent the 103rd District of Cheshire, Southington, and Wallingford in the Connecticut General Assembly. In 2017, Liz was proud to support the education-to-career pipeline by creating the first ever Student -->Manufacturer Connection Fair, pairing high school students with high tech manufacturers to inspire the innovators of tomorrow. An initiative born out of a meeting with an aerospace manufacturer in her district, Liz listened to the issues facing the manufacturing supply chain and sprang into action. The Student --> Manufacturer Connection Fair is now an annual event with several hundred in attendance.



Connecticut Technical High School System

The Connecticut Technical High School System is the largest high school system in Connecticut, serving all geographic regions and all demographic and diverse populations. We currently operate 17 diploma-granting technical high schools, one technical education center and two aviation maintenance programs located throughout the state.



Connecticut Department of Labor

The Department is committed to protecting and promoting the interests of Connecticut workers. In order to accomplish this in an ever-changing environment, we assist workers and employers to become competitive in the global economy. We take a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of workers and employers, and the other agencies that serve them. We ensure the supply of high-quality integrated services that serve the needs of our customers.



Connecticut Technical College System

The Connecticut State Colleges & Universities (CSCU) provide affordable, innovative and rigorous programs for students to achieve their personal and career goals as well as contribute to the economic growth of Connecticut.

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Speaker of the House, State Representative Joe Aresimowicz

“The number one comment I get from manufacturers across the state is their need for skilled workers. Manufacturing is much different than what it was during our childhoods. The industry now consists of good paying jobs that require specific skill sets. In order to continue to grow our skilled workforce, it is crucial that we educate our young people about this evolving field and use events like the ‘Student -> Manufacturers Connection Fair’ to partner with our manufacturers and ensure that our young people know about these opportunities.”



State Representative Caroline Simmons, Commerce Committee House Chair

“Creating pathways between students and industry is one of our top priorities in the Legislature,” said Rep. Simmons. “As House Commerce Committee chair I hear from businessmen and women about the need to fill job openings with qualified candidates. This Fair fits with our efforts to support businesses and students alike.”



State Senator Joan Hartley, Commerce Committee Senate Democrats Chair & Manufacturers Caucus Co-Chair

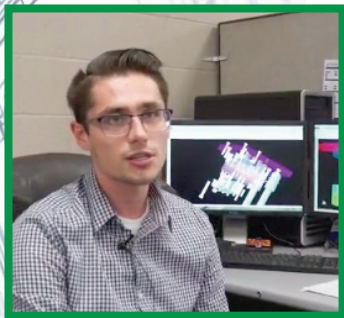
“The Manufacturing Fair is an excellent opportunity to promote careers in manufacturing allowing students to meet directly with industry leaders and to learn about the rapidly growing number of jobs which offer solid benefits and career growth.”



State Senator L. Scott Frantz, Commerce Committee Senate Republicans Chair & Manufacturers Caucus Co-Chair

“Manufacturing is critical to Connecticut’s economic recovery and stability. Anything we can do to help support it will benefit our entire state. By investing in manufacturing we reinforce the importance of growing a skilled workforce to help meet the demand of our businesses.”

What Students Are Saying



Apprenticeship

"Throughout the summer of my internship I worked with many of the machinists out on the floor who have a wealth of knowledge that I learned from day-to-day. Knowing that I have a job lined up took the pressure off of me going to school, now I can focus on my studies more, get better grades. I can tell my friends that I have a job lined up and let them know what company I work for."

- Matt Stevenson, CCSU Student, on his Manufacturing Apprenticeship



Apprenticeship

"People blew me away, how friendly they were, how well-adapted they come to you. Everything I've learned is from here."

- Richard, Naugatuck Valley Community College, on his Manufacturing Apprenticeship



Apprenticeship

"It's given me an opportunity to work in the field while I get my education and it's going to make me a better engineer when I graduate."

- Brendan, CCSU, on his Manufacturing Apprenticeship



Machinist

"This seems like the most practical career choice for me as a stepping stone into technology and something to do with engineering so this was a good fit."

- Natalie, Machinist

What Manufacturers Are Saying



Manufacturing Apprenticeships

“They’re here for 10 to 12 weeks, it’s a 10 or 12 week interview process. We get to see them, they get to see us, They get to see the kind of jobs that we have, we rotate them around, they get to meet our people, what’s the personality, the culture at EDAC. They get to say, I like that, and right now they like it.”

“It is absolutely the pinnacle of workforce development.”

“People that come in here, when they get into manufacturing environments, it’s really cool. The stuff that we’re doing, the amount of money that’s being invested, the jobs that we run, the parts that we work on, the jet engines, the airplanes that they go in, it really builds that awe, that really big moment for them to say that these are cool jobs.”

- David Russell, Director, Next Gen Recruitment, EDAC Technologies



Growing Employee Count

“We have to grow our employee count to support 25% year-over-year growth right now. We can put in efficient systems but it’s the next generation that will take them from a working process to a perfect process.”

- Ben Adams, President and CEO, EDAC Technologies



EDAC Technologies of Cheshire

“The turnout was exceptional. The technical schools are truly recognizing the opportunities that exist for their students, and I appreciate them bringing the students in to meet with us today. The fair really cut down on the time it takes to get in front of students and talk about our work.”

- Jeff Hughes, Vice President of Human Resources at EDAC Technologies

What Manufacturers Are Saying



Hobson & Motzer, Inc. of Durham

"Participating in the fair was well worth the effort. I met more students today than I would in a year of visiting schools myself."

- Alicia Jacobsen, Hobson & Motzer, Inc.



Connecticut Spring & Stamping (CSS) of Farmington

"It was great for the kids to see firsthand what we make and learn more about what we do. It's nice to have them come to us."

- Lynn Bousquet, Connecticut Spring & Stamping (CSS)



Consolidated Industries of Cheshire

"It was great to see so many young students interested in technology. I spoke with them about how important it is to be well-versed in math and the sciences. There's such a demand for workers with a strong math and science background – we can't get enough of them."

- Tim McHenry, Director of Quality and Metallurgy at Consolidated Industries

Student Manufacturers Connection Fair

EVENT OVERVIEW

State Representative Liz Linehan has organized a Student-Manufacturers Connection Fair to be held on Monday, April 23rd, at the State Capitol in Hartford. The event will run from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and is open only to students studying manufacturing in Connecticut technical high schools, traditional high schools, or colleges.

This event has been made possible through a partnership with the Connecticut Technical High School and College System, Speaker of the House Joe Aresimowicz, Commerce Committee House Chair Representative Caroline Simmons, Commerce Committee Senate Chairs and Co-Chairs of the Manufacturers Caucus Senators Joan Hartley and L. Scott Frantz the Connecticut Business Industry Association, Connecticut Association of Small Manufacturers.

Businesses present will each have space for an exhibit for the duration of the day. They will be asked to showcase the products they create and share information about the careers, apprenticeships, and internships that they offer. A packet containing company details and contact information will be prepared by Rep. Linehan's Office for distribution on the day of the event.

Other important notes of interest to this day include set up, building access and security, cafeteria hours, and parking.

CAFETERIA HOURS

The LOB does have a cafeteria that is open daily from **7:00 PM until 4:00 PM**. **Breakfast is served from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM, lunch is served from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM, and there are "Grab & Go" options available from 7:00 AM until 4:00 PM.** Fair attendees are welcome to purchase food from the cafeteria at any time. In order to access the cafeteria, you must leave the first floor of the Capitol, take the escalator to the tunnel, walk through the tunnel to the LOB, and it will be on the first floor to the right.

PARKING

There are visitor parking spots near the Capitol and in the LOB parking garage on the first floor. These spots are on a first come, first served basis. If you are bringing many materials for your booth, it probably makes sense to park near the Capitol.