

Ingham Impact Episode 34 – Reverse Job Fair

Caroline Smith: The Reverse Job Fair is a really wonderful opportunity for students like me to come and we get to set up a table, and potential employers come and they actually visit us. And they're looking to hire us and we're selling ourselves and what we can do. Logan Hastings: They're seeking high school students who are looking for internships, part-time employment or possibly even full-time employment. Sydnee Shultz: I was able to talk with companies and see what they're looking for, what they're seeking for their company and getting some really good feedback on how to interview and how to pursue in their companies and be successful. Taylor Sharp: People are coming up to you so they are taking an interest in what you do and it's just really cool. Lauren Doppke: Today I talked to many good companies that seem to have a lot to offer; I talked to the Meridian Company. Logan Hastings: Biggby, Tech Smith. Janna Wildermuth: Sparrow, Burcham Hills. Brittany Lockett: Doberman Technologies. Taylor Sharp: AeroTech, Tritan. Allison Findley: Eaton Rehabilitation. Naylen Saunders: Michigan State University Infrastructure. Caroline Smith: NextCare and The Wellbridge Group. Anastasia Mennett: MSUFCU. Stephanie Drake: We got to go up to the students depending on what subject they are more interested in, so we kind of got to hand select the types of students and the field, their major, that we got to talk today. Jerry Johnson: One of the real benefits of the Reverse Job Fair also is just the relationship it builds; a lot of industry can come and see the plethora of students that we've got, the depth that we've got, the range that we've got, that they may not have been aware of before, thinking it was just a one-sey two-sey type program, so not only does it benefit the student, but when done well it benefits the school and establishment as well. Brad Rusthoven: Specifically for manufacturing, skilled trades, huge need for it so if we can connect employers that need it and the students that are looking for opportunities, it's a win-win. Charles Bigelow: It's pretty interesting having you interview them and not interview us. Naylen Saunders: I kind of like it because it gives you more of an opportunity to introduce yourself and present yourself well, connect with the employers that really looking for employees like you. Brittany Lockett: It's a first really nerve- wracking, especially since this is my first time doing anything like this. It definitely also gives you a perspective of what jobs are out there; You don't expect a coffee shop like Biggby to actually have an IT department, but they do, and it's actually really cool! Janna Wildermuth: I was able to see what some benefits are that some of these places are able to offer and what kind of education assistance that they offer, and what salary and things like that they offer in their facilities. Anastasia Mennett: A student should come check this out because it is a really good opportunity to figure out what to do in an interview and what's right and what's wrong, and how you can improve on yourself. Caroline Smith: We are ready to be employed, we are ready for the professional workplace, and we're go-getters; we came here to talk to them, we're not just waiting around for them to come to us. Sydnee Shultz: It puts you ahead of everybody, and you get so much experience and an eye-opener about the field that you're going in, that you may not have known before which can help you pick a career.

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