

## **Ingham Impact Episode 35 – MiCareerQuest Capital Area**

I want to welcome you to MiCareerQuest Capital Area, the first one in the Capital Region.

Kevin: What's up, we're here at the Career Quest; this is very unique, you don't see a lot of stuff like this. You should check it out just to explore career paths, learn what you like and what you enjoy, what will make you happy in your life, because that's really important, you know? Amelia

Conchlan: I am a nurse at Sparrow Hospital and I am loving doing this Career Quest event, because it's so great to be able to connect with students from all around the area about how important it is for nursing to be able to give back to your communities, being able to take care of your loved ones, maybe you as a patient, and being able to connect with middle school and high school students. Lauren: My favorite booth that I got to look at today was kinesiology and exercise science. Josie: The Air Force. Olivia: Probably the Speech Therapy one. Carter: My favorite booth was probably the slime booth because, I like slime. Adeln: Where you get to feel the seeds and guess what they grow into. Ayub: It's entertaining and hands on, but it also teaches you a lot of stuff. Belle: Students can come here to find out things that they don't want to do.

Adeln: You still get to learn something even if you don't like it, but you get to see a lot of things also. Chad Paalman: What's really great about today is that we're catching kids while they're still in middle school, before they may already be pursuing a career; this is at that stage of their life where they're saying, "I don't know what I want to do, I don't even know what careers exist." So, we are today planting seeds. Michael Kayers: I am a chaperone for Potterville public schools. There are lots of job opportunities that we don't get to see everyday in our lives; we're from a small community, and to come here, it helps us to build dreams, it gives us reasons to work hard in school because we start to set plans, set goals for ourselves, and have things to shoot for, as we start to plan our lives, as we start to grow up. Samantha: There was one I saw a little bit ago, and it was for welding and I found it really interesting because it pays for your college while you work for them; you can have a chance to go to college while still working for a place and making money on your own. Chris Eakon: It's a really rewarding opportunity to have the chance to come here and interact, to show students the technology and science that we do right here in their very own backyard, locally in Lansing, and what kind of career opportunities that they can have. I think networking with the communities and being a part of the community just helps us be a good partner, and a good corporate citizen. Chad Paalman: They need to really come out and check this out because, unless they are dead set on what they want to do when they grow up, this is an opportunity to see a lot of different careers and say "Hey, maybe there's something I didn't even know existed." So, absolutely, if you're on the fence about coming out, you should absolutely come out and check this out the next time we have the event. Samantha: It gives us a chance to kind of work hands on with stuff that we normally wouldn't get to do, and it gives us an opportunity to see what we might want to set a goal for our future to be like.

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