

Connecting Manufacturing to Prosperity

Jenny Stupica,
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As chair of the ConxusNEO Manufacturing Network, Jenny Stupica is working with Akron Public Schools to promote advanced manufacturing as a viable career choice. "Attracting more young people to manufacturing to fill thousands of good job openings due to baby boomer retirement is critical," she explains. The Akron Public Schools' partnership includes site tours, conversations with teachers, and student field trips and summer internship programs.



David James
*Superintendent,
Akron Public Schools*

"We have to make sure we're connecting kids to careers," explains Superintendent David James. In Summit County, where manufacturing is an important part of the community, that means giving them training opportunities to build important manufacturing skills. Akron Public Schools' partnership with the ConxusNEO Manufacturing Network is a strong step in the right direction. "The program has received a lot of interest from manufacturers," James says. "More are coming to the table."



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Irving Hamad graduated from Garfield High School's machining program where he was exposed to manufacturing. That led him to pursue mechanical engineering and technology at The University of Akron. Irving works in research and development at Kyocera SGS Precision Tools and cares about delivering quality results. He loves the clean environment at Kyocera SGS Precision Tools. "It's not the dirty facility many think manufacturing is," he says "In fact, I see manufacturing as a form of art."



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