

## Return to Industry in partnership with Central Community College

What is it? A work experience getting high school and college instructors back into the business workforce to update their experiences. My specific training was for precision measurement, manual machining and CNC equipment updates/programming.

### Day 1 - DiStar Industries

Headed to Lincoln Tool & Design where DiStar Industries made parts that Lincoln Tool & Design needed. I hung out with owner, Darin Ditter, a Columbus High School graduate who reintroduced me to former Columbus High graduate, Brian Behlen, head of Tool and Design at LTD. LTD had many manual lathes and mills which much to my surprise, were all being used. I was given a tour of the facility which employs about 60 machinists, CNC specialists and mold makers.



Left to right: Brian Behlen, Tracy Dodson, Darin Ditter



Pictured Logan Garbers & Tracy Dodson

I made the trip back to DiStar in Columbus and was introduced to Austin, Ken, Cory Leroy and recent CHS graduate, Logan Garbers.

I learned a lot about CNC, parameters of machines, consumables, lasers, welding and brakes. About  $\frac{3}{4}$  into the day I met Brian Seda of Midwest Machine Tool and another CHS graduate who was dropping off parts at DiStar to be machined.



Pictured Brian Seda & Tracy Dodson

It is obvious that Columbus is truly a place of Power and Progress. I was reminded that what we do at Columbus Public Schools benefits communities here and beyond Platte County. Everything is connected. It is good to know what we are teaching in the STEM area is on point and greatly needed.

Updates on day two will be coming up with companies such as, Duo-Lift, Vishay, Becton-Dickinson and Mid Plains Industries!