

#### MANUFACTURING WORKS and Gold Collar Careers Filling the talent pipeline

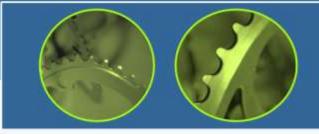
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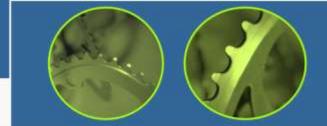


### **Less Whimsical**

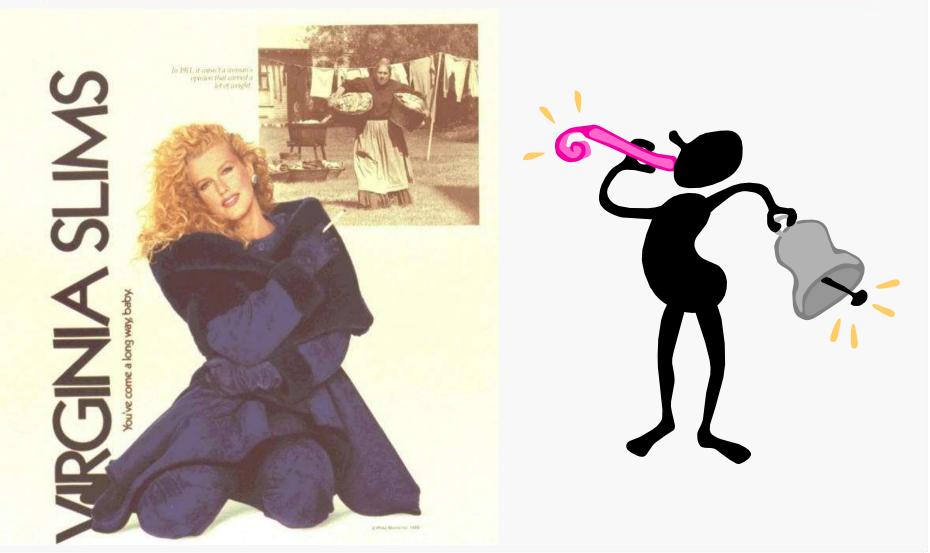
"Forget terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, the next global war will be fought over human talent – and America's already losing"

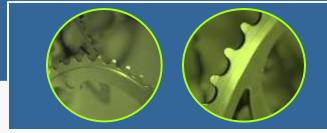
~ David Heenan, Author of Flight Capital





#### You've Come a long Way Baby!

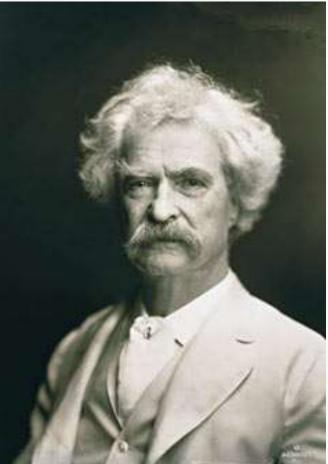




# • "The rumors of my death are greatly exaggerated"

-Mark Twain





### Manufacturing Has Changed

• Boring, routine, mind-numbing jobs have gone overseas.



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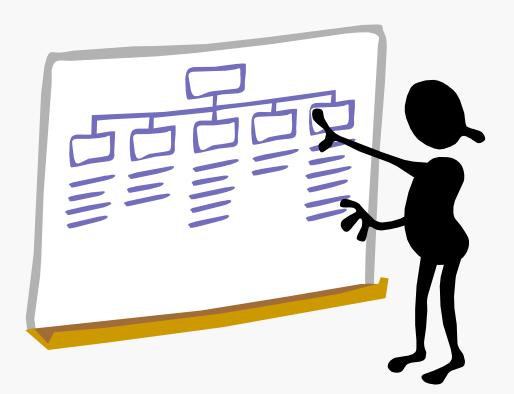
 US Advanced Manufacturing has gone high-tech.

 Jobs are creative, challenging and high pay.



#### **History of Our Team**

- Prologue
- Forming
- Storming
- Norming
- Performing





- 911
- Recession
- Drop in Enrollments, Hiring, Business Activity









#### • May, 2004 – Steve Michaud Proactive



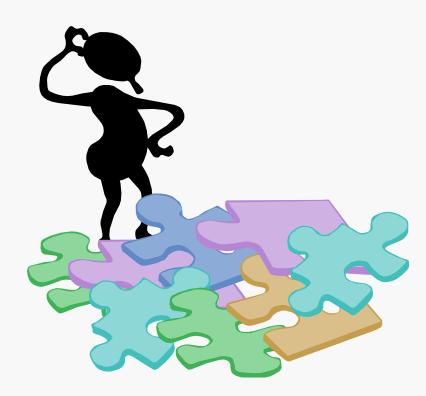


#### August 2004 – Steve Michaud Reactive



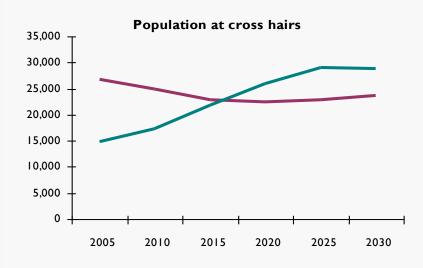


- Kick off Meeting
- Lots of Discussion of the issues

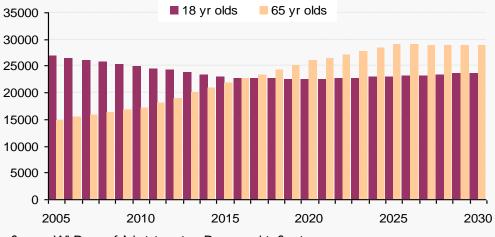


#### **Scary Demographics:**

#### Non-metropolitan WI



#### Convergence of 18 & 65 year old population in Non-metropolitan WI County



Source: WI Dept. of Administration, Demographic Services

Every 8 seconds a baby boomer turns 65. Every 7 seconds a baby boomer turns 55.



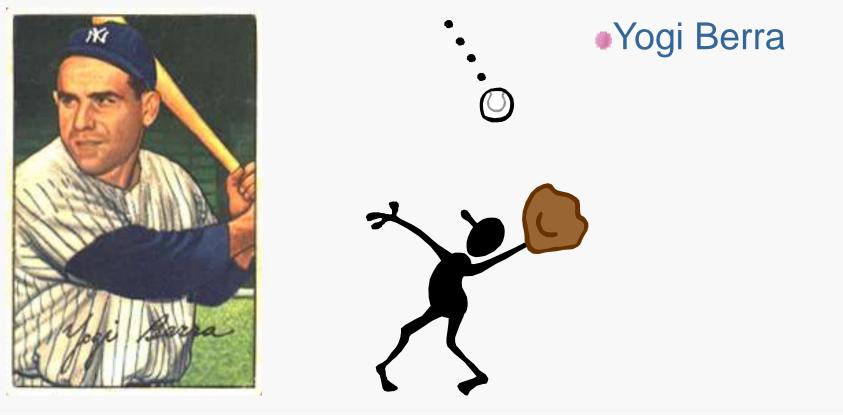
# Economic Costs

- Each Unfilled Machinist or Technician Position:
  - Equates to \$200k \$300k Lost Revenue
  - \$350,000+ Loss to Local Community (7x payroll multiplier)

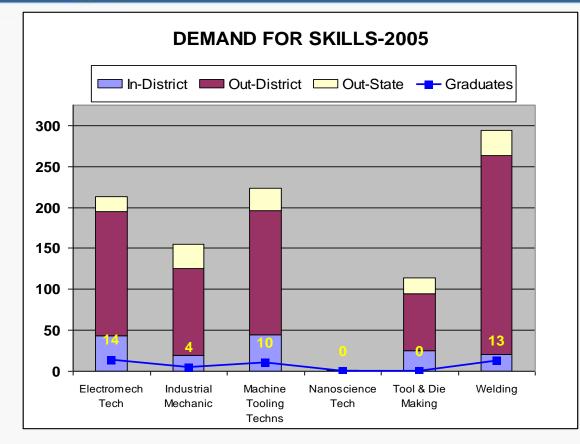




# • "If people don't want to come out to the ball park (mfg) how ya gonna stop 'em."



## **Graduates vs Job Openings**



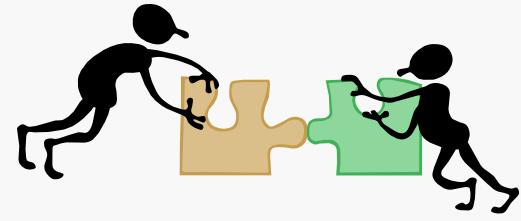
	In-District	<b>Out-District</b>	Out-State	Graduates
Electromech Tech	43	152	18	14
Industrial Mechanic	19	107	29	4
Machine Tooling Techns	44	152	27	10
Nanoscience Tech			1	?
Tool & Die Making	25	70	19	?
Welding	20	243	31	13





## Storming

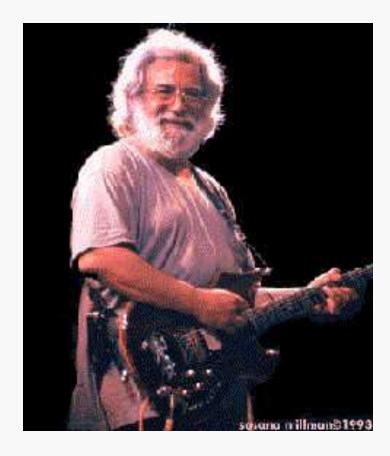
- Finding fault with everyone else
- Re-enacted Congress
- Everything had already been said, but not everyone had a chance to say it
- So Much to do How are we going to do it



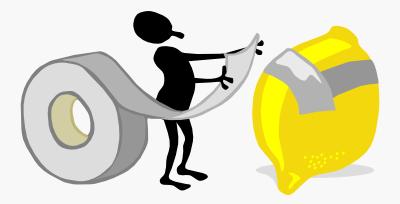






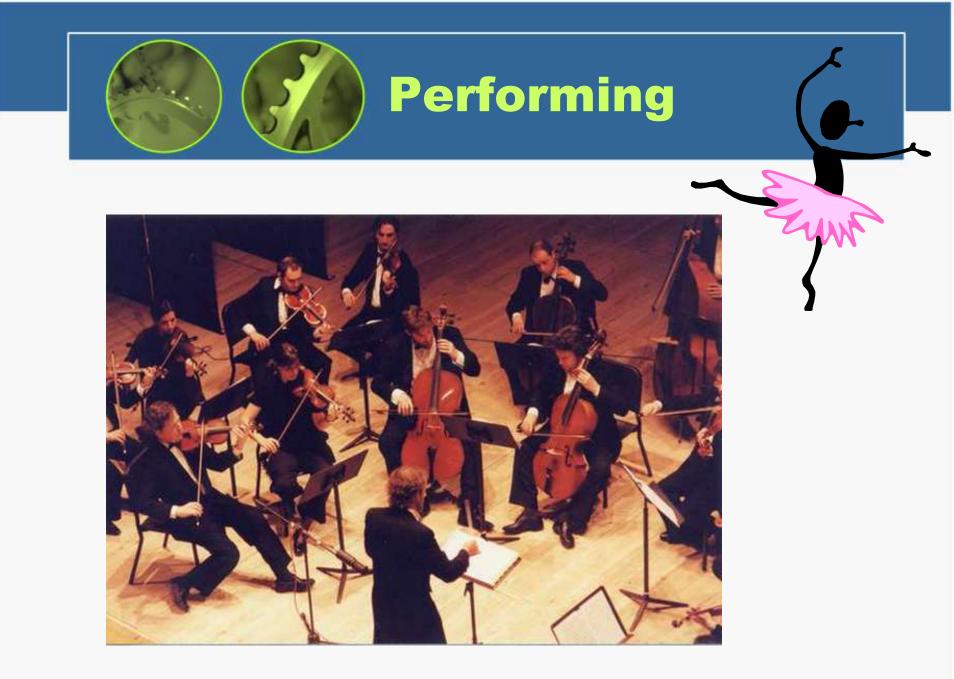


 "Somebody has to do something, and it's just incredibly pathetic that it has to be us."
 Jerry Garcia The Grateful Dead





- Decided to just get on with things
- Business/Education/Government
- Got \$1,000 donations from manufacturers = \$25k+
- Do Something (okay to fail)
- Good and loyal folks stepped up and started working on this



#### Manufacturing Works

- Target Markets
  - K-12 Students (and Staff)
  - 19-45 Year Old Workers Caught in "Accidental Careers"



# Gold Collar Careers



- Mechanical Engineers
- Manufacturing Engineers
- Maintenance Technicians
- •Engineering Technicians
- Network Specialists
- •Electronic Technicians
- Machinists
- Computer/IT/Network Professionals



A ValleyIs your career in need of a makeover?We cannicalhelp you become qualified for these high potentialjobs, in demand, right here in our own backyard!

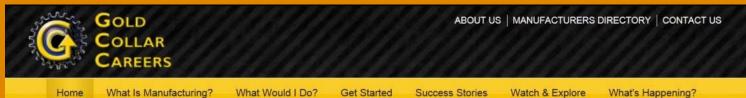
<u>Gold Collar Careers</u>: High Tech Manufacturing pushing the limits of technology. Bright individuals who understand and embrace the latest machine, electronic, computer and other technologies. Creative thinkers with applied/hands-on abilities to solve problems and get things done. High demand, high potential, rewarding careers.

- CNC Programmers
- Robotics
- Computer Integrated Manufacturing
- Medical Device Machinist
- Mechanical Designers

- CNC Laser Operator
- Nano-Technology
- Precision Welders
- Electrical Designers
- Quality Technicians



#### www.goldcollarcareers.com



Preparing for the future by inspiring the skilled workers of tomorrow!



#### What is a Gold Collar Career?

Gold Collar Careers are high tech manufacturing jobs that are pushing the limits of technology by demanding bright individuals who understand and embrace the latest



His Story...



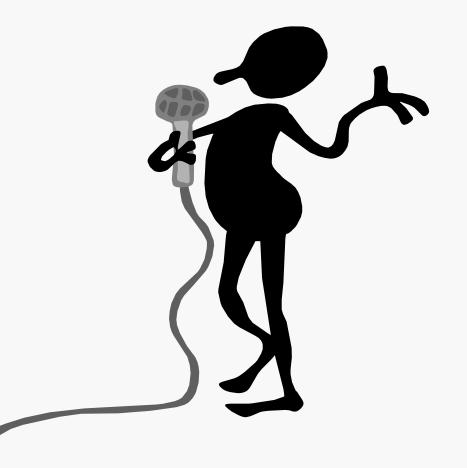


**Did You Know?** 





- Guest on WPR
- Career Fair Info
- Inexpensive Ads
  - Saw immediate increase in tech college enrollments



### **Print Ads**

- Ad Promoting Machine Tool at CVTC
- Leveraged with Hutchinson Technology Help Wanted Ad
- Then in School
   Newspapers
  - Saw immediate increase in tech college enrollments

## **Graduating Soon?**

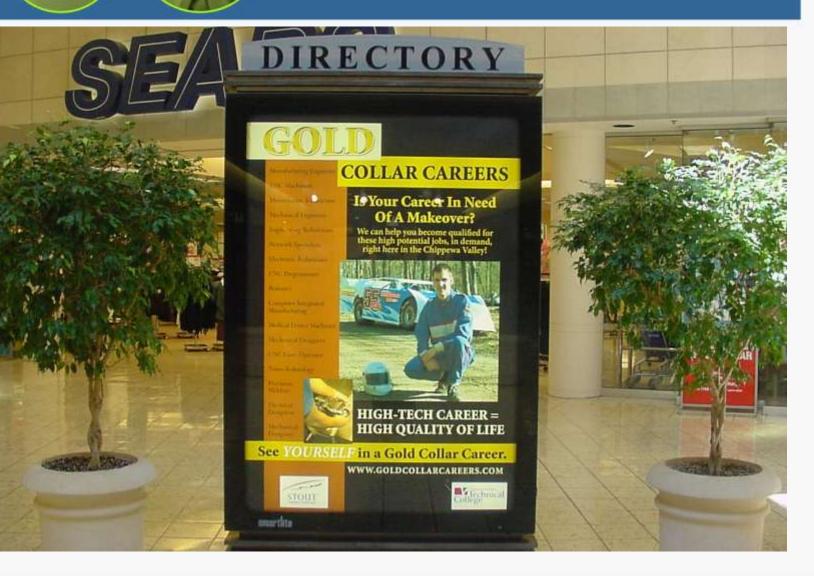
Where is your future headed?

#### Look into High Tech Gold Collar Careers

- · Precision Machinists
- · Manufacturing Engineers
- · Electronic Technicians
- · Engineering Technicians
- · Network Specialist
- Maintenance Technicians
- Mechanical Engineers
- CNC Programmers
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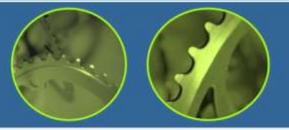
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### Mall Kiosk



#### Numerous Middle / High School Career Presentations





## **First Lego League**





### **STEPS Program**









## Career Valley







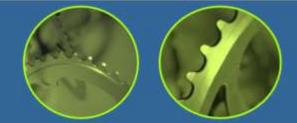




#### MARIER VALLEY







#### Career Fairs – Promoting Business <u>and</u> Education



### Presentations

- Civic / Business Groups
- School Boards
- Legislators
- Job Placement Agencies
- SME
- NWMOC
- K-12 In-services
- Middle & High School Career Days
- Facilitating the Future
- 1,400 Plus contacts



### **Activities Done**

- Movie Theater Trailers
- Newspaper Articles on Manufacturing Careers -"Business News"
- "At Your Service" WAYY Radio w/NWMOC
- Call in to Public Radio on Manufacturing Careers
- Bringing High School Teachers on Campus
- Marketing Plan / Timetable
- Speakers Bureau









Think Different!

## Reforming (why we do this)

- For our own survival. We need skilled people to operate \$1M machines
- For our local economies our well paid employees contribute their time talent and treasure into their communities
- To prepare for the spike in retirees we will soon see
- To keep pace with the ceaseless march of technology
- Because people's lives are transformed when they get the skills to get great jobs

# What we expect from the Mfg Community:

- Promoting Manufacturing is not a spectator sport.
  - Not for someone else to do.
  - Not to be done passively.
  - Needs to be done creatively.
- Prepare workers for today AND tomorrow.





# Nexen Partnerships with Education

(What would your company slide look like?)

- K-16 Education
- Plant Tours
- Education for Employment
- Teacher In-Services
- Guidance Counselor In-Service
- Career Fairs
- Classroom Presentations
- Student Internships

- Scholarships
- Equipment Donations
- Advisory Committees
- Equipment and Cash
  Donations
  - Staff Training
- Job Shadowing
- STEPS
- First Lego League
- Tiger Manufacturing

# Our Future...

 If we do this right, individuals will discover great careers, employers will have a talented workforce, and local economies will thrive.



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Questions?

