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LOCAL INDUSTRY HIRES SUMMER INTERNS FROM GRUNDY HIGH SCHOOLS

Illinois Department of Commerce Director Sean McCarthy Attends

Thanks to the generosity of LyondellBasell, a kick off breakfast was held on June 10th to formally recognize and congratulate the 29 students selected for the 2016 Grundy County Internship Program. Nancy Ammer, CEO of the GEDC opened the event by thanking the businesses, students, and educators in attendance. Senator Rezin emphasized that the students should take pride in being chosen for this opportunity, and that the internships offer a chance to gain meaningful professional work experience and learn more about the many different employment options within Grundy County. Sean McCarthy, Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce was a special speaker and congratulated the students and businesses for the innovative program. He noted what a great honor this is for the students and to seize every opportunity that comes their way.

Lance Copes, Director of Grundy Area Vocational Center, and Brian Angwin, Morris Site Manager of LyondellBasell also addressed the students and discussed the benefits and opportunities that will be afforded to them as part of this program. Copes challenged students to take advantage of the opportunity, while Angwin addressed the value of the program to local business.

The 29 paid internships this year are with 15 different companies, offering a diverse set of opportunities for local students. The program began in 2013 with just 12 internships and 3 companies. The program continues to become more competitive as over 70 students applied for the positions.

The Grundy County Internship Program was based on a mutual desire expressed by leaders in education and industry to highlight local employment opportunities and retain local talent in Grundy County. Senator Rezin and the GEDC partnered with local industry and education to launch the program in 2013.

To provide the students with an authentic experience, job descriptions outlining the skills and criteria for each position were posted at Coal City, Gardner, Minooka and Morris High Schools. Students then applied for positions they were interested in by submitting a resume. Companies scheduled and conducted interviews with candidates and extended offers to their interns in late spring.



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The 2016 Grundy County summer interns are:

Aux Sable

Logan Schoen
Patrick Rumsey
Tyler DeMoraes

City of Morris *

Isabela Garcia

GEDC *

Janelle Gaska

Grainger *

Ryan Horrie

Joliet Junior College *

Max Dudley

LyondellBasell

John Halloran
Ryan Meeker
Mitchell DeGraaf
Jacob Johnson
Carly Murphy
Hannah Schultz

Metalstamp

Seth Patterson

Midwest Industrial Sales*

Carli McGinn

Morris Hospital

Abigail Olsen
Maren Bashor
Mallory Meyer
McKenzie Rodgers
Brendan Dykstra
Kevin Wilson
Dominic Ferrara

Rezin Orthopedics

Matthew Paulson

SPACECO

Nathan Guth

Standard Bank

Clayton Cash

US Cold Storage

Jonathan Schildgen-Moore
Margaret Bauer

Utility Concrete

Joseph Wiegmann

Village of Minooka *

Danny Beaudin

*Denotes New 2016 Participant