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Student Spotlight: Megan Pauls



Reflecting on the past 4 years in the LCCPA what major events have stood out for you?

Teachers in the LCCPA seem to go the extra mile to ensure that we learn and grow. I like that I was held accountable to earn a B or better in all of my academic pursuits. The exposure to the different career opportunities that were sometimes forced upon us was truly beneficial. The relationships that I have built with my fellow students and the teachers have truly impacted my ability to learn and grow in a positive way. You are not intimidated to ask questions of your instructors.

What mistakes have you made?

Not staying on task and not using my time wisely especially in my early years. My procrastinating really put me behind initially but thankfully I learned my lesson which will carry into my collegiate studies.

Best part of your 4 years in the LCCPA?

Growing as a person and being recognized for my efforts. I started to care more and put in the necessary time to be successful with my difficult course load.

Biggest myth related to the LCCPA?

That we don't do anything and that our classes are easy. Teachers give us good grades.

FACT IS: The classes are very difficult and that you are totally responsible for your own learning and held to higher standards.

Favorite class in the LCCPA

The Project Lead the Way courses are hands on and have a great connection to careers. The different style of teaching/ learning allows you to actually experience situations that you will be placed in your career. Problem solving and critical thinking is the focus of your learning versus just coming up with an answer.

Career Path

I will pursue a science undergrad degree and then plan on attending a Physician Assistant Program. Ideally, I would like to work with younger people in a surgical capacity.

Predict the future of the LCCPA

I think the LCCPA is moving in a great direction. The curriculum is in place but is always improving to enhance the education of its students. The career opportunities and exposure to industry continues to give LCCPA students a great chance of succeeding in a given career path.

Words of wisdom for the incoming 9th graders

Take every opportunity that you are given, don't take things for granted. Use your time to truly work on your academics. Take advantage of the incredible opportunities that are offered to LCCPA students. Stay involved and have fun. Don't be afraid to care about your studies. You will have more time to focus your energies on things that you really care about if you get ahead!

Megan is the daughter of Steve and Michelle. She has 3 sisters (Rachel, Emma and Leah). Megan likes to spend her time with friends and family. Megan likes being outside and being active. Megan will be attending either Marquette University or UW-LaCrosse.

Partner Spotlight: Countryside Veterinary Service

By Mackenzie Peterson, LCCPA Class of 2018



Dr. Sara Popp from Countryside Veterinary Service explains some of the ins and outs of the business

The entire health care group for freshman went to the Countryside Veterinary Clinic. It was by far mine, along with many other students' favorite field trip. We learned so much about the different positions that Veterinary Clinics offer, and the different classes and training that you need for certain positions. We even got to see a live surgery happening, as well as a teeth cleaning. We got to go inside all the different rooms there are for different sized animals. I personally thought it was pretty cool how in the center of the building, which is the main part, they have a big TV screen showing all the different rooms in the clinic. The different appointments are color coded showing which rooms are being used and which doctors are located in each room. At the end we even got goody bags! It was a great experience and now I, along with some of my fellow classmates, are very interested in some of the positions that are available at different veterinary clinics that we could possibly work at in the future. Once again, it was so great to go outside of the school to see something that we could possibly do in future.

Partner Spotlight: Bassett Mechanical



Jeff Huettl explains the manufacturing process at Bassett Mechanical

On Friday, March 6th, the first year Engineering and Manufacturing students paid a visit to Bassett Mechanical. This visit provided our students with another unique perspective in the world of manufacturing. Where many of our previous visits highlighted high volume manufacturing, the students had the opportunity to see how Bassett fabricates larger, more customized items for their customers. Human Resource specialists Patti Van Ryzin and Danielle Soland shared the history of Bassett Mechanical and talked about the important skills that students need to have to succeed in today's workforce.

All LCCPA students take part in a yearlong Lean Workshop during their sophomore year, but they are introduced to Lean concepts during their first year tours. Now that our students are comfortable being in a manufacturing environment, they begin to recognize these concepts during their tours.

Ms Van Ryzin did an excellent job talking about how Bassett has grown through the years in the application of Lean Manufacturing, and guide Jeff Huettl was able to point out these concepts in action as the students toured the manufacturing floor.

Partner Spotlight: Resource One International



Brian Smarzinski shares how paper is converted at Resource One

Wednesday, March 18th was an exciting day as the first year LCCPA Engineering and Manufacturing students became the first group to tour Resource One International in Little Chute. President/CEO David Brantingham emphasized the importance of students knowing HOW things are made as opposed to being mere consumers, and how this mindset would lead them to great things in the future. Brian Smarzinski explained his role in managing production at Resource One, provided an outstanding tour of the manufacturing floor, and sent an excellent message about the importance of hard work and dedication as he shared his career path with the students. During the tour, students saw firsthand how paper is cut, sorted, packaged, and shipped with extreme precision through an amazing application of technology and automation

The students didn't know what to expect from this visit, and were generally skeptical prior to making the visit. However, after the tour, the students all agreed that Resource One was one of the more exciting and interesting places they visited so far this year.