

Northland Career Center Wins 2022 Pacesetter School Award

Center honored for ensuring continuous improvement through quality career pathways

July 19, 2022 — Northland Career Center in Platte City, Missouri, is the winner of a 2022 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board for the fourth year in a row. The Center will be honored on July 19, 2022, at SREB's Making Schools Work Conference in Grapevine, Texas.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that are implementing one of SREB's Making Schools Work school improvement frameworks and are achieving success in meeting bold goals related to graduation rates, readiness for college and careers, and credential attainment.

Northland Career Center implements [Technology Centers That Work](#), SREB's school improvement design for technology centers. Over the years, NCC has preprepared students for success by providing work-based learning experiences, teaching essential employability skills, creating real-world workplace experiences, and developing rigorous CTE curricula and instruction.

In 2021 and 2022, NCC focused on building better career pathways for current and prospective students. The Center expanded its agriculture program to provide access to ninth and 10th graders, added a second instructor to its law enforcement and Crime Scene Investigation program, and doubled its enrollment for its manufacturing program through rebranding and a partnership with KC Tech Academy, an industry-driven regional training initiative, to address workforce development.

NCC's successes are evident. The Center increased enrollment for the 2022 school year by 15%; 61 seniors participated in quality work-based learning experiences in 2021; and 67% of graduates found related postsecondary enrollment, enlisted in the military or found employment. More than 141 students earned an industry-recognized credential in the 2021 school year and nearly 30 seniors earned an Advanced CTE Certificate.

SREB's [Making Schools Work Conference](#) is held annually and provides educators with opportunities to participate in professional development, network with colleagues from across the country and build school and district leadership capacity.

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states and educators to improve education at every level, from early childhood through postsecondary education. Learn more about SREB at sreb.org. SREB media contact: Alan.Richard@SREB.org, (404) 879-5528.