

Northland Career Center Wins School Pacesetter Award

Center honored for cultivating business partnerships that allow students to explore career and postsecondary options

July 11, 2018 — Northland Career Center in Platte City, Missouri, won a Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. NCC was honored at SREB's 32nd Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference on July 11 in Orlando, Florida.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that use HSTW Key Practices to transform teaching and learning and motivate students to succeed in college, careers and life. NCC's committed business partners have helped the school adopt new career pathways and offer more hands-on learning experiences that empower students to explore their postsecondary and career options.

NCC staff developed a database of more than 400 business partners who provide students with job shadows, internships and other workplace learning opportunities. Employers also help NCC students write resumes, create portfolios and hone their interviewing and communication skills. Participation in work-based learning at NCC has grown by 58 percent in the last three years.

The High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference brings together educators from schools that have implemented the instructional strategies of SREB's school improvement programs. These schools have increased focus on career and technical education by redesigning assignments around projects that often involve both academic and career pathway classes.

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states and educators to improve public education at every level, from early childhood through postsecondary education. Learn more about SREB at sreb.org.

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