



## Workforce Connections

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### **BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP EXAMPLES:**

- Franciscan Health
  - Joint curriculum for Health Careers Academy developed between A.K. Smith and Franciscan staff
  - EMT and Health Careers students engage in clinical rounds with hospital staff to create a deeper awareness of field-related workforce opportunities
  - New scholarship opportunities were developed in 2022 for LaPorte County students entering healthcare professions as an incentive to return
  - Outreach/site visits by MCHS seniors re: non-degree opportunities in areas such as food service and facilities maintenance
  
- Horizon Bank
  - Bank branch inside of MCHS
  - Employs students as tellers (supervised by Horizon employee)
  - Continued employment of students as summer interns and in college towns, if a bank branch exists
  - Goal: Retain talent In Michigan City upon graduation
  - Supports programs (teacher innovation, athletics, etc.) through grants
  - Entrepreneurship program with Early College students
  
- Howmet (formerly Alcoa/Arconic)
  - Funded manufacturing equipment and training for teacher certification in Computer Integrated Manufacturing at MCHS
  - Grant supported robotics expansion and compressed-air academy programs
  - Funded teacher training for Project Lead the Way pre-engineering (civil, mechanical, and architectural engineering)
  
- NIPSCO
  - Provided funding and technical support for the development of the Energy Academy at A. K. Smith
  - Hiring opportunities are available at NIPSCO and related companies
  
- Michigan City Paper Box Company
  - Engaging students with special needs (Career Skills class) in training and employment opportunities

- Teacher participated in training at the company
- Installed conveyor belt and materials/supplies in the classroom lab
- Lakeshore Foods (DBA AI's in LaPorte County)
  - MCHS students will be engaged in awareness and training opportunities (cashiers, ordering, storage and preparation requirements) in partnership with MCHS Family and Consumer Science Department
  - A.K.Smith Culinary students partner for baking field experience at stores
- Additional business/industry partners work with the A. K. Smith Career Center, offering internships, serving as program advisors, providing in-kind donations, etc. ([See chart.](#))
- Key Business/Industry Partnership Organizations: Economic Development Corporation of Michigan City, Michigan City Chamber of Commerce, Work One, Center for Workforce Innovations, Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, Ivy Tech Community College, United Way of LaPorte County

#### **PROGRAMMATIC PARTNERSHIPS:**

- MCHS Compressed Air Academy
  - Involves 6 local manufacturing companies (compressed air and vacuum) organized by EDCMC
  - Equipment donated by Sullair, Dekker, Sullivan-Paletek
  - Curriculum developed by companies, MCAS, and Ivy Tech
  - Companies offer student mentoring, field trips, and summer internships
  - Program awarded State Earn and Learn Designation
  - Looking to develop summer program
- Michigan City Redevelopment Commission
  - 1:1 Technology Initiative
  - Maker spaces
  - Teacher professional development funding
- Little Wolves Early Learning Center
  - Five pre-K classrooms will open in Fall 2023 at the former Brown Mackie facility
  - Recruitment and retention tool for MCAS staff
  - MCHS students will participate in coursework leading to the CDA license through Ivy Tech, using classrooms for clinical experiences

**CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

- A.K. Smith Career Center programs (serving students from six LaPorte county high schools and New Buffalo). All programs provide dual credit and industry certifications.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Business Partners</b>
Automotive Technology	Bosak, Castle Ford, Michigan City Kia and Hyundai, Auto Park Ford (LaPorte), O'Brien's, Anderson's Automotive (LaPorte), Ridge Auto Parts. Frontier Lawn and Garden, Harmon's Expert Auto (LaPorte), (and many others!)
Career Skills (for special needs students)	Michigan City Paper Box, Sodexo, Elston YMCA
Construction Technology	IKORCC (Carpenter's Union), Tonn and Blank, Westville Fire Dept., The Exchange Club, Wagner Custom Builders, Detmar Builders, Duneland Landscaping, Ed Lijewski Builders, Meyer Glass, Michigan City Fire Dept., Michiana Mechanical, Central States Mfg, Paladin, GAF, Von Tobel, Michigan City Zoo
Cosmetology	Platinum Hair Design, Dimensions Nails & Lashes Salon, C-Sharp Barber Shop, Shear Madness Hair Studio, Hair Cuttery, Great Clips, Lover Her Beauty LLC
Criminal Justice	Blue Chip Casino, Meijer, Michigan City PD
Culinary	Current: Al's, Patrick's Grille, Aperion Care Arbors, Starbucks Michigan City, Social Que, LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Long Beach Country Club
Education Professions	Edgewood, Knapp, Marsh, Joy, Lake Hills, Krueger Middle School, South Central Jr. High, New Buffalo Schools, Little Wolves Learning Center (planned)
EMS	Laporte County EMS, Northwest Health Laporte Hospital, Franciscan Health, Michigan City Fire Department, Superior
Energy	IBEW 531, NIPSCO, IBEW 153
Fire Science	Michigan City Fire Department, the LaPorte Fire Department, LaPorte County EMS, and all volunteer departments in LaPorte County

Health Careers	Franciscan Health (hospital, outpatient, urgent care), Aperion Healthcare, Avalon Springs Health Campus (Valparaiso), Life Care Center of Michigan City, Rittenhouse, Healthlinc, IU Northwest, PNW, Ivy Tech
Manufacturing	GAF, Michigan City Tool & Die (MCTD), Peters & Marske, Urschel Labs, Winn Machine, Task Force Tips, Master Roll Manufacturing, Ivy Tech (Valparaiso & South Bend), Sullivan-Palatek, Arconic (Howmet), Sullair
Welding	Harrison Electric, New York Blower, Ivy Tech, Union Boiler Makers (Hobart), Boilermakers Local 375

### **BY THE NUMBERS:**

#### **MCHS Class of 2023**

Dual Credits Earned: 3,047

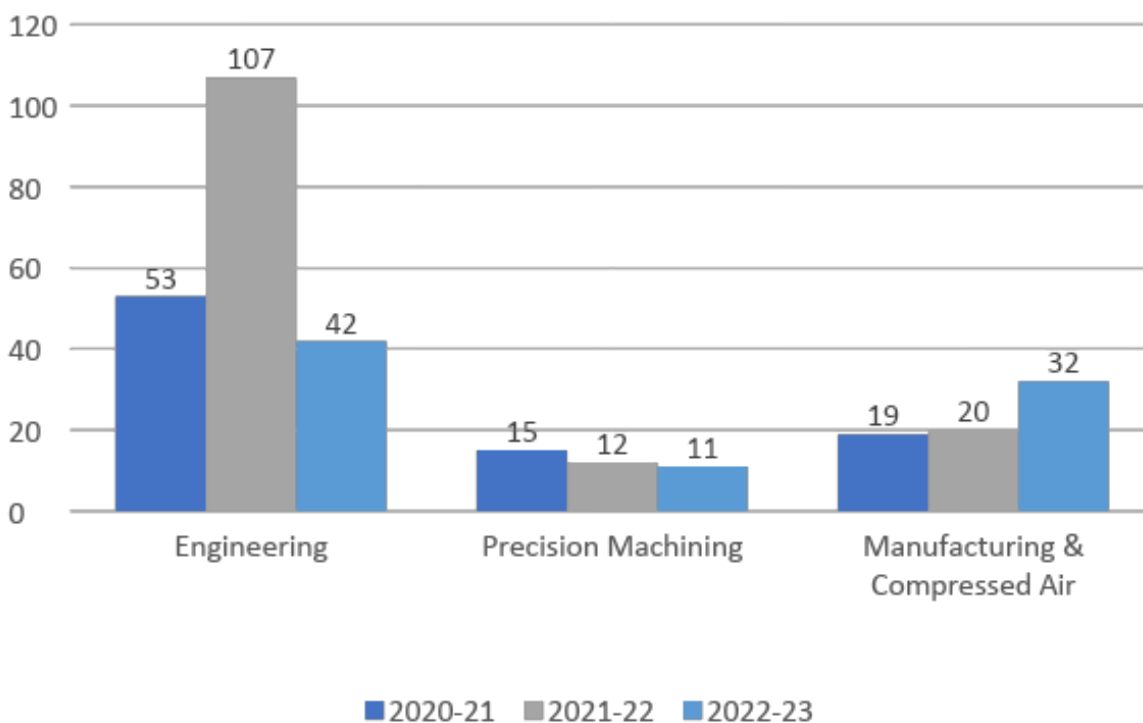
AP Classes completed: 550

Students Earning Technical Certifications: 79

MCHS Students invited to take part in 2022 Ivy Tech Graduation: 33\*

\* MCHS students from A. K. Smith (including all 7 feeder high schools) were invited to take part in the 2023 Ivy Tech graduation ceremony due to the credits and certifications earned.

### Students Enrolled in Courses



### Michigan City High School

