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Career, Technical Education Showcase on Feb 2 and 3

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. – Ever wonder about the science behind growing your own food, or what it's like to design a robot, build a house or work in a restaurant with creative chefs? February is Career & Technical Education Month and Northwest Education Services (North Ed) Career Tech will welcome hundreds of 10th grade students at the facility on Feb. 2-3 for an up-close look at the 21 education programs offered that can answer those questions and more. Through visits coordinated by individual school districts, students will be able to check out programs that pique their interests and talk with instructors and school counselors about career and technical learning opportunities they are eligible to enroll in for the 2022-23 school year.

“The staff and I enjoy connecting prospective students with all the opportunities that can enrich their education and open their eyes to pathways that can inspire them,” says Pat Lamb, North Ed’s assistant superintendent of career and technical education.

In addition, Career Tech’s Engineering Academy (*formerly Manufacturing Technology Academy*) will also offer in-person information sessions for students and parents to learn more about this state and national award-winning program that offers rigorous hands-on learning with a focus on engineering, English, economics, math and science. The sessions will occur in the Engineering Academy lab at North Ed Career Tech at 6 p.m. on Feb. 9 and 24, and March 8 and 23. For more detail, visit the [Engineering Academy website](#) or contact program instructor Tim Wheatley at twheatley@NorthwestEd.org.

Students and their families will also have an opportunity to participate in upcoming virtual information meetings offered by Northwest Education Services Early College, a program housed at the Career Tech facility. North Ed Early College offers high schoolers college credits as an opportunity to earn up to an associate's degree while completing high school graduation requirements and learning in-demand industry skills at the tech center. The virtual information meetings will be at 5:30 p.m. March 15 and 17. Those interested in learning more may visit the [Early College website](#) or contact program coordinator Ashley Darga at adarga@NorthwestEd.org for a virtual meeting link.

More than 1,100 students from school districts across Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties attend North Ed Career Tech's 21 programs tuition-free during their junior and senior years in high school. Each Career Tech program supplements the students' academic coursework at their local high schools. Visit the North Ed Career Tech website at NorthwestEd.org/career_tech or call 231.922.6273 for more information.



Suggested Caption: *Josh Rueckert, installing a duplex receptacle into a receptacle box, is a senior from Traverse City West Senior High School enrolled in the North Ed Career Tech Electrical Occupations program. (Photo courtesy of Northwest Education Services)*