

FACES OF MANUFACTURING

Don't think MFG is for you? Ask an expert...

“What would you say to students who may not be considering manufacturing as a potential career option?”

ROD KOCH, HEAD OF PLANT MANAGEMENT – CONTINENTAL



We need the next generation to continue to create and build like generations before. I have been working in factories since 1988. It has been a very rewarding and challenging career. I love the ‘families’ who I have worked with, the teamwork and friendships that have flourished on this journey, and **the pride I feel of a "job well done" when I can physically see and touch the products and outcomes of my work.**

DEREK BERGE, WELDER-FABRICATOR SUPERVISOR – SPECTRUM AEROMED

Manufacturing offers a fulfilling career for those who enjoy working with their hands, being creative and producing products that improve people’s lives on a daily basis. This industry is always evolving, growing, and supporting innovative new technologies. **Individuals entering the manufacturing industry today can expect much higher wages and more opportunities for growth compared to the past.**



CHRIS GOTTSCHALK, MISC. METALS PRODUCT MANAGER – TRUENORTH STEEL




Get out of your comfort zone! **There are so many options in this industry that almost anyone can find a career path for themselves.** From material processing, welding, drafting and design to sales, marketing and project management, there are many opportunities that are available to anyone willing to put in the effort.

SAUL IRIZARRY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR – CLOVERDALE FOODS

I would tell them to try this industry, **if you like challenges, growth, being able to share with different people and contribute to your community by creating the best products,** this is the best decision you can make.



TODD NAGEL, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – PURE DAKOTA HEALTH



Whether you’re creating software or growing a plant like marijuana, manufacturing a desirable end product that meets your standards is a great feeling. **Knowing you are providing a product with the potential to make peoples' lives better or easier is the motivating factor** behind both the challenges and rewards of this industry.

MONAH STENGER, HR RECRUITER – CARDINAL IG



I would explain that manufacturing was not on the forefront of my mind when I was seeking a career. I looked into careers like healthcare and human resources. When Cardinal IG invited me to work here, it changed my view on manufacturing. **The people who work in this field are down to earth, hardworking, and team oriented.** Do research into the manufacturing sector - there are various career opportunities and pathways to grow.

SYDNEY MAUCH, WORKSPACE EXPERIENCE COORDINATOR – MARVIN

If I would have told my younger self that I would be in the manufacturing industry there is no way I would have believed it. Keep an open mind on expanding into this field as there is more to do and learn in this industry than you would imagine.



JOSEPH LAWRENCE, PRESS OPERATOR – SIOUX MANUFACTURING



Working in manufacturing is a good opportunity to start in the workforce if you are unsure of your future career path. **There is a lot of potential for growth in this industry.**

ADAM BERGMAN, CO-FOUNDER – MUSKOX

Choosing a career path is one of the largest choices a you will make. **The exciting thing about choosing manufacturing as a potential career option is that as technology continues to push itself forward within the industry,** the opportunity to use your own personal skill set to influence change is limitless.



SPENCER JOHNSON, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR – CAVENDISH FARMS



You have to find what makes you happy - if you like to work with your hands, are not afraid to get a little dirty once in a while, consider the manufacturing industry. I believe this industry is a perfect fit for the person looking for a challenge. **The pride I see in some of our employees even after a hard day makes me want to come back to see what's next.**

COLTON PULKRABEK, ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN – AMBER WAVES

Manufacturing offers a wide variety of career paths that can give you a lot of diverse skills. **These skills can be used to advance your career options and improve your way of life.**



Looking for more information on manufacturing?

Resources are out there, including career planning, apprenticeships, and scholarships.

