

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?”

DYLAN TOSTENSON, LASER OPERATOR - MCNEILUS STEEL




After going to UND for a year and figuring out that school was not for me at the time, I was able to see that there are other career paths that don't require a degree. **I would say if you're not certain college is for you should try a year of manufacturing.** With family that has worked in the manufacturing industry for over 15 years, I was able to see that good careers can be made from the manufacturing industry.

DJ FANDRICH JR, PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR - SUMMERS MANUFACTURING

There are **more opportunities in manufacturing than ever!** It can be hard work but it is very rewarding, the pay is competitive and the technology is ever growing. There is opportunity to do great things and make a good living.



KAREN NELSON, OPERATIONS MANAGER - FLEXTM, INC.



Manufacturing is a high-demand industry where career opportunities are readily available. **Students today bring a better understanding of available technologies and the skillset that comes with that.** Jobs are also extremely stable as witnessed during Covid when manufacturing jobs remained open. When you take a job within a manufacturing facility, you find it is more than just a job, it is a career with a built-in family.

FLOYD MATTISON, ASSISTANT FOREMAN - CLOVERDALE

WHY NOT MFG? The possibilities and opportunities are endless, there is always room for growth, and mostly everything produced in the world is manufactured somewhere. We are all consumers, and we all consume something. **Be the one who changes the industries of today into better more innovative industries of tomorrow.**



BRANDI GRIFFITH, PRODUCTION MANAGER/SAFETY COORD. - SPECTRUM AEROMED



Manufacturing is constantly changing and evolving. There are many different roles with a diverse range of skillsets: welders, machinists, fabricators, assemblers, shipping & logistics, purchasing, manufacturing engineer, process engineer, and more. You choose what you want to pursue. Throughout history, manufacturing has been the foundation of American economic growth and opportunities. **Working in this industry is like being able to put your stamp on a little piece of history!**

GEINA ANDERSON, PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR - BAKER BOY



I never thought I would work on a production line; I've heard all the negative "it's dirty, it's hard work, pay isn't worth it, there's no advancement" **and I only wish I would have given it a chance a little sooner.**

Throughout the short time I've worked at Baker Boy, the company has added technology to make our jobs easier. Automation is a growing part of the industry. Look into manufacturing, it has many roles and will be always changing (for the better) while providing a very livable wage.

PABLO MARTINEZ, CNC MACHINIST - AIM MACHINING



Do not believe the modern distortion our society has on manufacturing. You can have a successful life, a good work-life balance with benefits. **You can provide for your family and the American dream can be reached.** This is an industry that will continue to grow so there's always room for personal development. How high you want to climb and how far you can take it is up to you.

YEVGENIY PATSELOV, WELDER 3 - TRUENORTH STEEL



If you want **to create something magnificent out of nothing then manufacturing is where you want to be.** You don't need to be scared of the industry. There are a lot of people out there willing to teach and mentor you. You just got to love it to do it.

KYLE WILSON, MASTER ELECTRICIAN - FISHER INDUSTRIES



Look a little deeper into the industry. Most people imagine standing on a factory floor all day when they think of manufacturing, **be sure to consider all of the other areas a business needs to be successful,** accounting, HR, IT, sales, etc. The manufacturing industry employs more than just manual laborers.

MIKA VANDAVEER, MAT & MIX SUPERVISOR - MARVIN COMPOSITES



Explore and learn about the manufacturing industry, there are many opportunities. Be willing to grow in areas that are uncomfortable. **Don't be afraid to challenge yourself and take risks.**

ADENG DENG, PRODUCTION ASSOCIATE - CARDINAL IG



For some who don't consider it, it is important to try something new. They may not think they like it but **they may end up liking it.**

Looking for more information on manufacturing?

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

