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# Our Mission

To provide quality career-focused programs that prepare students for continued education and employment that contributes to the economic growth of their community.

## Our Guiding Principles

**Education** – Preparing students to graduate from high school and be career- and college-ready.

**Employment** – Equipping all students with the skills, education and hope to follow their dreams for careers.

**Economic Growth** – Establishing students in the community who are career- and college-ready to contribute to the economic vitality and growth of their family and the community.

### About The Career Academy

*The Career Academy offers high school juniors and seniors high skill, high demand career exploration in any of 16 career pathways.*

Students from any school in Lincoln or the surrounding communities are bused from their LPS home high schools for a two-hour session at TCA—juniors in the morning, seniors in the afternoon. During that time, they work directly with highly trained educators from SCC and LPS using state of the art equipment and hands-on experiences.

Additionally, business and industry representatives often spend time in the classrooms or on the worksite helping students explore their chosen career. Community engagement is key to the success of TCA and industry partners are asked to fully participate in the student experience. Students can earn from 20 to 40 SCC credits during high school while they are building relationships and connections with local industry leaders. Internships and mentorships are also available to TCA students from a partnering business.



Students are chosen to attend TCA based on two main factors, they must be on track to graduate and ready to be successful in the intensity of the coursework. This is determined by an application to TCA and recommendations from teachers in their home high schools. The demographics of TCA mirror that of the Lincoln Public Schools pulling from the rich diversity of students living and learning in Lincoln.

This combination of education, experience and college credit gives all students a leg up on their future success.

### Partnering For A Skilled Workforce

Harnessing the power of a student's imagination and the community's resources is at the core of TCA's concept. By working together, instructors and companies can expose students to their futures. The partnership between LPS and SCC allows for equal sharing of expenses to build, maintain and operate The Career Academy. The third partner is critical—you. As a member of our community you provide perspective to students that is unmatched by any instructor in the classroom.

There are many ways to partner with TCA:

**Sponsor** – Financial sponsors of TCA are rewarded in ways beyond measure. Your gift will be put to work supporting field trips, scholarship and specialized equipment in the pathway of your choosing or area of greatest need.

**Be Present** – Offer your expertise, knowledge or facilities for exploration by students. Volunteer to help in the area of your interest and offer internships for TCA students.

**Encourage** – Get involved and learn about the lives being changed at TCA and help us tell the story in your workplace, family and community. Student and parent outreach is a community effort, and by sharing the story you strengthen the work of TCA – you just may be a difference maker for a young person.



### Career Pathway Options

- Ag Biosciences
- Construction Careers
- Early Childhood Education
- Food Science
- Networking
- Welding
- Business Administration
- Culinary
- Entrepreneurship
- Health Sciences
- Precision Machining
- Client Relations
- Database
- Engineering
- K-12 Education
- Programming

“The Academy's collaboration between local business and the education community is what will make it successful. The unique relationship between Lincoln Public Schools and Southeast Community College is the foundation for Lincoln's cradle-to-career education system.”

– **Chris Beutler**, Mayor of Lincoln

“The Career Academy partnership between LPS and SCC is the right program at the right time for our students. We need to find ways to engage students in learning with an increased focus on career opportunities. The Career Academy will help students see the relevance between school and their future lives and keep them on the 'Education Bus' for as long as it suits their ultimate career goals.”

– **Nick Cusick**, President of IMSCORP/Bison

“The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce views the Career Academy as a vital component to bridging the gap in our workforce needs. We see the connection of business and education coming together today, building the Lincoln of our future.”

– **Wendy Birdsall**, Pres. of Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

“The practical experience our daughter received at the Career Academy gave her the confidence and courage to follow a high-demand career she may not have otherwise chosen. We are grateful for this opportunity and will encourage all of our children to get their 'hands dirty and feet wet' in one of the many TCA pathways. .”

– **Scott & Vicki Clarke**, Parents of TCA Student