

Employers and Educators: A Powerful Partnership for Careers

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Skills for America's Future: Four years of growing partnerships



Skills for America's Future

*Influence national
policy*

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- Ready to Work
- Department of Education partnership

*Spotlight & facilitate
national partnerships*

- American Assoc. of Community Colleges
- Comm. College Workforce Consortium
- American Manufacturers Association

*Strengthen local
strategies*

- Skills for Chicagoland's Future
- Playbook for partnerships
- Support for local consortia

A partnership that creates careers

Gap Inc. *for* Community Colleges

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

- Job skills
- Job shadowing
- Interviewing
- Internships
- Careers



One successful program can lead to many partnerships



Building a knowledge base for successful partnerships



Student Success

How and in what ways does employer engagement contribute to student success outcomes?



Institutional Practice

How does a community college benchmark and strengthen its employer engagement activities?



Value to Employer

How do employers value partnerships? How can, or should colleges assess employer impact?

The ultimate value of education: changing lives

*“At this stage in my life, I believe the sky is the limit. Now the **sky is a little closer.**”*

*“The generosity shown to me has put a fire in me to remember that you have to **pay it forward** with the blessings you have bestowed upon my family and me.”*

*“I hope one day, I will be able **to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.**”*

*“Your support not only helps me with financial needs, but also gives me a lot of **spiritual encouragement to achieve academically.**”*

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