Employers and Educators: A Powerful Partnership for Careers

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Skills for America’s Future: Four years of growing partnerships
Driving demand-driven policy and partnerships

**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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