

Talent Development



Developing our talent pipeline is critical to the continued success of this region. Therefore, we are taking great strides to leverage our competitive advantage by creating programs that train and develop the talent necessary to fill the highly-skilled, highly-technical requirements of today's manufacturing. After hosting a spirited Education Summit to align and develop a community-wide strategy, several ongoing programs have been implemented, to introduce, educate, and enrich the workforce agenda.

Inaugural Manufacturers & Technology Expo

More than 300 eight-grade students from TheLINK region converged at the Advanced Manufacturing & Technology Training Center to learn about modern manufacturing.

1st Annual eSTEAM Sumter Festival

Bringing together thousands of participants for a FREE, family, interactive festival celebrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM).

2016



The Education Summit

More than 120 educators, community, and business leaders came together to define the region's workforce and career readiness agenda.

2017



Manufacturing is COOL

Teaming up with industries at football games to celebrate National Manufacturing Day by introducing the COOL treat of modern technology to students and parents.

2018



Emerging Leaders

Monthly sessions led by professionals to prepare high school juniors for leadership roles. Graduates receive college credits and serve community boards.

Fit For Life

Virtual interactive learning sessions providing high school athletes with soft skills to prepare them for the boardroom or the locker room.

Graduate to Greatness

Connecting high school seniors who do not have post-graduation plans with local employers, resources, military, and post-secondary education opportunities.

2019



Apprenticeship 'Signing Day'

Connecting students with local industries to offer hands-on job experience. Students gain exposure to manufacturing career opportunities.

2021



Military Virtual Career Fair

Collaborated with Tallo to pilot a virtual job expo for service members at SHAW Air Force Base and the South Carolina military community.

2023



Lunch Buddies

Elementary school students are paired with community leaders and career professionals for mentoring and career exploration while chatting and chewing.

2020



2022

