

Connecticut Business & Industry Association

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

CBIA's Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit affiliate of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association.



Building a skilled workforce
for Connecticut's businesses

Connecticut's success depends on the talent, innovation, and productivity of its people. For more than a quarter of a century, the mission of CBIA's Education Foundation has been to ensure that our state has a competitive, highly skilled workforce.

We create unique business, education, and government partnerships that anticipate and respond to Connecticut's education and workforce training needs. Through these partnerships, we design, deliver, and evaluate innovative programs that

- Directly meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's businesses

- Prepare youth and adult learners for jobs, higher education, and lifelong learning
- Facilitate school improvement and systemic change
- Promote professional development for teachers
- Provide curriculum, training opportunities, and career exploration materials focused on emerging and high-demand industries
- Advocate for increased relevance and rigor in Connecticut's schools and higher education
- Close the achievement gap for all students in Connecticut

CBIA's Education Foundation addresses Connecticut's education and workforce needs by

- **Advancing** rigorous curriculum
- **Increasing** minority and disadvantaged youth participation and success in Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- **Supporting** high school academies organized around career themes, with guidance from business and industry professionals
- **Strengthening** the connection between the classroom and the world of work by coordinating faculty externships, student internships, job shadowing, and classroom guest speakers
- **Creating** industry-approved college credit courses and certificate programs in lean manufacturing and supply chain management
- **Identifying** and addressing training needs for jobs in the energy industry
- **Building** a pipeline of skilled manufacturing workers by increasing student interest in Connecticut's technical high schools and community colleges

BY THE NUMBERS

Recent accomplishments by CBIA's Education Foundation in the areas of rigorous, relevant curriculum and workforce development include:

