



Get Involved and Recruit Students out of NFPA's Illinois Fast Track Hub

Members are invited to participate in the following opportunities and events unique to the Illinois region. Each can help increase your company's visibility with students and educators surrounding Triton Community College, NFPA's Illinois Fast Track HUB.

- **Ongoing Opportunities:**

- ***Participate in NFPA's Speaker's Bureau at Illinois Partner Schools***

- Speaker's Bureau is an opportunity to speak to classes to inspire and excite students about career opportunities in the fluid power industry
- **Ridgewood High School – preferred days: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday**
- **Triton College's Engineering and Technology Classes: February, April, and May**
- **Jacobs High School – Industrial Technology Course Algonquin, IL**
- NFPA is happy to connect you with our partner schools

- ***Host a Facility Tour for Students and Educators***

- Facility tours are an engaging way for students to learn about your company, products and services, and potential pathways to careers
- Illinois partner schools are interested in facility tours
- NFPA is happy to share your facility tour opportunities with schools and offer grants to help reduce potential participation barriers

- **Spring 2024 Opportunities:**

- ***Ridgewood High School Fluid Power Action Challenge – Volunteers Needed***

- Fluid Power Action Challenge is a hands-on, team-based machine-build challenge that introduces students to fluid power, the industry, and member companies
- Volunteers are needed to assist with the following:
- **January 19- March 15:** help teams think through engineering problems during the machine design and build stage
- **March 20 (12:30pm-3pm CT) judge the competition and help teams think through engineering problems**
- **March 20 (around 5pm CT): share your journey into fluid power, information about your company, and potential career paths in a 20–30-minute presentation to teams**
- Please reply to this email to participate



- **Team-Based Challenge (TBC) Learning – New IL State Board of Education Program**
 - Illinois State Board of Education is implementing a Team Based Challenge learning at the high school level. Ridgewood High School is an early adopter of the program
 - TBCs are designed to help students learn soft and technical skills in a team-based competition that includes industry in the planning and student evaluation
 - Ridgewood is interested in implanting a t-shirt canon project as an option and needs input from NFPA members to get started
 - Please reply to participate and share this opportunity with colleagues

- **Ridgewood High School Students Seeking Internships and Jobs with NFPA Members**
 - Expand your hiring reach by considering a qualified high school student for an internship, part-time, or full-time position
 - Ridgewood has students in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program that allows them to pursue manufacturing training
 - Ridgewood staff emphasizes the importance of commitment to the training program and employment with the students to help ensure companies hire strong candidates
 - NFPA is happy to connect you with the program's educators

- **March 6 Triton Career Fair (2000 Fifth Avenue, River Grove, IL)**
 - Promote career opportunities and internships to Triton students, alumni, and community members
 - A \$100 employer registration fee covers lunch for two recruiters and the use of a 6-ft table plus two chairs
 - Please reply with questions and to request Triton's event registration link

Please contact James Foster (JFoster@nfpa.com) to volunteer or learn more about these opportunities and events. Similar activities are taking place in our other Fast Track Hub regions. Click here to join a [Workforce Engagement Group](#) and stay informed of the latest opportunities to recruit and engage with emerging talent in the regions.