



Thank You

For attending and showing your support of the second annual EPIC event at St. Cloud Technical and Community College on Friday, February 28, 2020.

EPIC – Exploring Potential Interests & Careers

HISTORY: In 2016, it was identified that there was a growing gap in the local workforce. A survey done in 2017 by MN DEED showing that in the 4-county region 7W (Stearns, Sherburne, Benton, Wright) there are roughly 1.1 unemployed workers for every job opening backed up this idea. The Bridges Career Academies model was suggested in a meeting, and EPIC was born.

2019: Over 2,400 students attended the first year of EPIC on February 22, 2019.

2020: Year two brought over 3,500 students through the doors of the St. Cloud Technical and Community College on February 28, 2020. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to join us as we watched the activities unfold and the buses unload. Please follow, like, comment on, and share our EPIC Facebook page following the event. Photos, videos, and recognition of the companies that came together to make today happen will be [available to view here](#).

THE FUTURE: Our vision is that EPIC will continue as an annual event, growing in impact each year. We also hope this event inspires schools around the state to enhance education with exposure opportunities. We believe every student deserves the chance to pursue their goals, and part of our mission is to improve their opportunities for exposure to the many ways a skill or passion can be utilized.

THAT. WAS. EPIC: We hope you can join us for the EPIC wrap-up breakfast on March 11 from 8 – 9:30 a.m. at American Heritage National Bank in St. Cloud. View more information and RSVP details on the *You're Invited March 11* document on your USB.

Interested in getting involved with EPIC? Contact Amie Dwyer, event coordinator. View contact information on the *Planning Committee Leaders Contact* document on your USB.

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