

AMC Annual Luncheon – March 3, 2026

**This event served as an NwOESC BAC quarterly meeting*

The AMC Annual Luncheon held on March 3, 2026, at Northwest State Community College, which the NwOESC Business Advisory Council helped sponsor as part of its continued commitment to strengthening business-education partnerships.

The event, titled “Shaping the Future of Manufacturing Talent,” focused on understanding what motivates students and adults to pursue technician careers and how education and industry can better align to meet workforce needs.

The agenda included networking, lunch, and a series of presentations followed by group discussion. Key components of the program included:

- A Year in Review highlighting the Advanced Manufacturing Consortium’s efforts to promote industry awareness and workforce development initiatives.
- A featured JobsOhio presentation by Shawn Hendrix sharing research on career decision-making and workforce trends, challenging common assumptions about student and adult career pathways.
- A keynote presentation by Dan Leffingwell of Future Plans outlining a structured 5-step process (Assess, Coach, Discover, Plan, Place) to support student success and strengthen connections between education and workforce needs.

Additional updates highlighted AMC initiatives such as Manufacturing Day, pre-apprenticeships, and workforce training programs, along with data demonstrating strong participation, employer engagement, and positive workforce outcomes.

The event concluded with facilitated group discussions, providing an opportunity for educators, business leaders, and community partners to collaborate on strategies to expand career pathways, strengthen talent pipelines, and better prepare students for in-demand careers.

The NwOESC Business Advisory Council’s involvement in sponsoring and participating in this event reflects its ongoing commitment to career-connected learning and regional workforce development.

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