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Mythbusters!

Myth # 1: A 4-year degree is the only way to get a good job.

Truth: We need a middle-skill workforce in America. College bound or not, there are many opportunities in manufacturing to be successful! And, multiple paths to GREAT jobs in manufacturing... Apprenticeships, Co-ops, On-the-Job Training, Associate Degrees, and Bachelor Degrees ALL lead to great jobs in manufacturing!

Did you know? One in five manufacturing workers statewide is employed in management or professional occupations. In fact, almost 40 percent of all Michigan engineers are employed by a manufacturing company!

Myth #2: Manufacturing facilities are dirty, and the work is laborious and redundant.

Truth: Manufacturing facilities are great places to work! They're clean, safe, high-tech and offer a lot of diversity of work. Manufacturing has evolved and continues to evolve! And, we don't just build cars anymore. We provide products to the defense, aerospace, medical, automotive, energy, and transportation industries.

Myth # 3: There are no jobs in manufacturing and the pay is low.

Truth: We're hiring! Since the official end of the recession in the third quarter of 2009, automotive production has recovered about 36.5 percent of the 76,200 jobs lost during the recession (or about +27,800); auto related industries have regained 75.0 percent of the 54,000 lost positions; and manufacturing as a whole has recouped about 57.0 percent of the 156,300 jobs that were cut during the recession.

With continued recovery of Manufacturing following the recent Great Recession, the cluster is expected to offer a large number of annual openings across a variety of low, mid and high skilled jobs over both the short and long term.

The average manufacturing worker makes \$1,155 per week, higher than the than the total private industry average in 2015! Manufacturing wages totaled over 8.8 billion dollars (about 22 percent of total wages paid by private companies combined).

Educate yourself on a future in manufacturing.