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Intern Omaha Announces Increased Participation

OMAHA, Neb. (Feb. 14, 2022) – Intern Omaha, a credit-bearing internship program powered by Avenue Scholars, is excited to announce that 121 Omaha-area businesses are offering 203 paid internships to the students involved in this year’s program. The program had 374 unique applicants submit 823 applications for the positions available in Cohort 4. Paid internships, job training and soft skill development are all part of the Intern Omaha model.

“We can’t wait to get Cohort 4 underway and to get the students started in their new internships,” said Kathy McGauvran, Program Coordinator for Intern Omaha. “We are thrilled with the number of applicants we received this round, and so happy to see the program grow and reach more students and more businesses in our community.”

Intern Omaha brings together youth, schools, and employers in the community to provide paid internships in high-demand industries including information technology, building trades/manufacturing, auto/diesel technology, and business. The program is supported by the AKSARBEN Foundation, Metropolitan Community College, and Avenue Scholars. Intern Omaha was developed by and is operated by Avenue Scholars.

“This is an exciting time for Intern Omaha, a very important program that we are glad to make available in the community,” said Dr. Ken Bird, President and CEO of Avenue Scholars. “We are making great strides with the program and are grateful to our business partners and the schools that we work with for making it possible to provide these opportunities to our youth.”

Currently, business partners are reviewing and selecting their candidates to interview. Final selections and hires will be completed by early March. Intern Omaha will then launch orientation sessions for interns, business partners, and school districts. A list of supporting employers can be found on the Intern Omaha website – <https://internomaha.org>.

The recruitment process for Cohort 5 will kick-off later this year. Visit internomaha.org for more information.

About Intern Omaha

Intern Omaha was launched by Avenue Scholars in partnership with Millard Public Schools in the spring of 2019. The program draws together youth, schools, and employers from across the community in a collective effort to provide year-long, co-curricular, paid internships for high school seniors in high- demand industries, including information technology, building trades/manufacturing, auto/diesel technology, and business.

About Avenue Scholars

Founded in 2008 by a group of Omaha philanthropists, Avenue Scholars, the leader in bridging the gap between education and business, guarantees careers for its youth of hope and need through supportive relationships, individualized coaching, education, and training. Avenue Scholars provides comprehensive, individualized support services to help Omaha-area students from low-income backgrounds identify, prepare for, and ultimately enter financially sustaining, high-demand careers requiring an associate degree or less. The program also provides grant assistance to enable participating students to continue their postsecondary education/training at Metropolitan Community College via support provided through the Suzanne & Walter Scott Foundation and Metropolitan Community College.

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