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## **Intern Omaha Expo Launching November 18**

*Career fair featuring the “LinkedIn Lounge” will connect local businesses with high school interns*

**OMAHA, Neb. (Nov. 12, 2021)** – Intern Omaha, a co-curricular internship program powered by Avenue Scholars, is hosting its inaugural Intern Omaha Expo. The career fair will connect over 350 high school students from area school districts with 37 Omaha businesses to expose students to possible career paths and internships in the area. Intern Omaha Expo is on November 18, 2021 from 9am-2pm at the Scott Conference Center in Aksarben Village.

“Intern Omaha aims to make a significant impact in workforce development efforts at the high school level by connecting high school students to internships with some of the city’s best employers,” said Dr. Ken Bird, President and CEO of Avenue Scholars. “Intern Omaha Expo will give hundreds of students the opportunity to learn networking skills and engage with our business partners, while giving our businesses the opportunity to recruit their next generation of talent.”

In addition to the career fair, 10 representatives from LinkedIn will be at the Expo to run the “LinkedIn Lounge”, where students can learn about the networking aspects of LinkedIn, how to set up a profile, and how to take a professional headshot. The “LinkedIn Lounge” will give students tips on meeting and networking with the businesses at the Expo to help them get a head start on the interviewing and application process.

Upon arrival, each student will be given a passport card encouraging them to have at least four professional conversations with businesses and stop at the “LinkedIn Lounge.” Students can win prizes for completing their passport.

Student applications for Intern Omaha’s 2022-2023 program will open the Monday after the Expo. There are currently 181 available internship positions with 72 businesses in a variety of industries like IT, business, trades, automotive, and more.

### **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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