

# TESTIMONIALS



Dane County School  
CONSORTIUM

## HERE'S WHAT PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES AND STUDENTS HAVE SAID ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Students learn real-life lessons through the Apprenticeship. Youth apprentices participate in our interview process, complete an orientation program, and are accountable for their work schedules, mandatory meetings and in-services. They are considered employees and are held to the same standards as all other employees.

*~ Amy Hermes, RN, manager of inpatient services, Stoughton Hospital*

The Youth Apprenticeship Program is a powerful tool for the youth of today and the employers of tomorrow. As an employer, I get a skilled, productive employee who knows that a satisfied customer is a customer for life. Today's youth are tomorrow's success stories.

*~ Mike Fitzgerald, Zimbrick Inc. of Madison*

This experience has given me a glimpse of the real world. I am so fortunate to be a part of the Youth Apprenticeship Program.

*~ LaFollette High School student, pharmacy technician*

The decision to be a part of the Youth Apprenticeship Program is one of the best decisions that I've ever made. This program has really helped me grow up and mature, while preparing me for life on my own. It has also opened my eyes to all the different positions within the health field. I learned how to balance my time, while gaining a strong work ethic.

*~ Waunakee High School student, nursing assistant*

We who supervise these young students get a lot of satisfaction out of seeing them grow, learn and move a step closer to their career goals.

*~ Denise M. Hemling, RN, nurse coordinator, St. Mary's Adult Day Health Center*

As an engineering and manufacturing company, we feel that it's very beneficial for a person's knowledge and understanding to perform tasks in a work environment. The Youth Apprentice Program serves our community with a valuable education service by enabling students to learn firsthand about careers in actual business settings.

*~ Brendan O'Rourke, P.E., Isthmus Engineering & Manufacturing Cooperative*

The biotechnology Youth Apprenticeship Program has been an incredible experience for me. The labs that are done through this program far surpass anything that I would have the opportunity to do in a classroom setting at school. Not only does this program teach me the necessities I need to master and skills required to work in a lab, it gave me knowledge about proper dress and behavior at an interview.

*~ Marshall High School student, biotechnology*