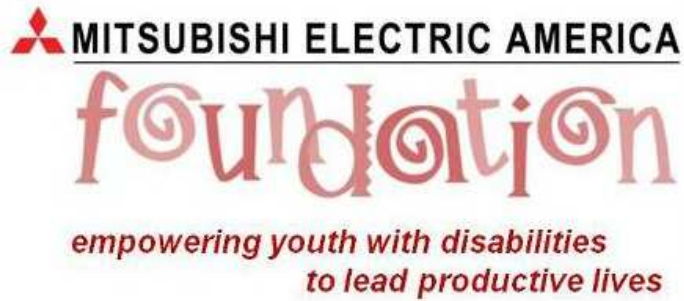


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#### **Learn about USBLN**

MEAF was proud to be a part of the [US Business Leadership Network \(USBLN\)](#) Conference in Orlando, FL this Fall.



USBLN Career Link Mentees

MEAF hosted a Power Lunch where business organizations and interns from USBLN's [Career Link Mentoring Program](#) could network and share best practices. Representatives from Northrop Grumman led a discussion at the lunch to develop an emerging leaders track at next year's USBLN Conference.

[Learn More about the Career Link Mentoring Program](#)

## **Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) Continues**

October is **National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)** and it's a time when businesses open up their doors to allow students with disabilities an opportunity to learn about different career paths.



VISION volunteers and students from SEDOL during Disability Mentoring Day

On October 29th volunteers from the **VISION Committee / MEAU in Vernon Hills, IL** hosted 11 students from the [Special Education District of Lake County](#). The students toured the office, warehouse, and manufacturing areas to learn about Mitsubishi Electric products and the workplace. Then, they shadowed various employees to learn about careers in accounting, manufacturing, robot repair,

## MEAU Receives Award

**Mitsubishi Electric Automation (MEAU)** and the **VISION Committee** from Vernon Hills, IL were recognized by [Northwest Special Recreation Association \(NWSRA\)](#) and [Illinois Association of Park Districts \(IAPD\)](#) for their service to the community with the IAPD *Best Friend of Illinois Parks* Award in honor of their support of and participation in the NWSRA Day Camp Olympics, bowling tournament and donations for NWSRA programs.

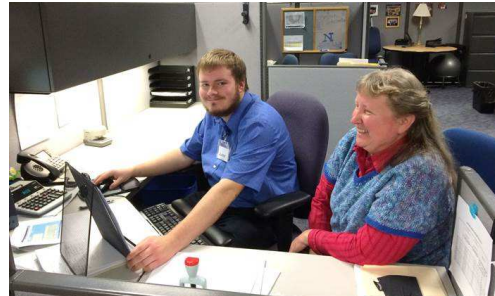


Top: MEAU President Mr. Kawai and VISION Advisor Chuck Baum accept the award

Bottom: Chuck Baum pictured with NWSRA



logistics, customer care, and even philanthropy.



Top: Student works in Accounting with his mentor

Bottom: Student learns about Logistics with her mentor

[Learn More about DMD](#)

[Learn More about NDEAM](#)

## What Can YOU Do?

Focusing on what people CAN do in the workplace, "The [Campaign for Disability Employment](#) is a collaborative effort to promote positive employment outcomes for people with disabilities by encouraging employers and others to recognize the value and talent they bring to the workplace."

At the MEAF Board Meeting, **Rhiannon Young**, from MERL/Cambridge, MA received a *Presidential Service Award* for her outstanding efforts in her community and hosting interns at MERL. She is pictured here with interns from [Partners for Youth with Disabilities](#) (PYD) and the [Northshore Education Consortium](#).

[Read PYD's blog about their visit with the Board](#)



MEAF staff, **Tara**, walks with her husband, Adam, to support the [Leukemia and Lymphoma Society](#).



**DREAM Committee** from **MEUS** in **Cypress, CA** holds a bake sale!

### Japanese Volunteers Give Back

On October 24th, Japanese Expatriates from Mitsubishi Electric US companies came together to give back to the community. The expatriates learned about MEAF, employee volunteer committees, and the importance of giving back while participating in a volunteer project with the [Special Needs School](#) and the **LOVE**



[Watch the PSA](#)

## Recognizing MEAF Board Members

At MEAF's Board Meeting this past October we said goodbye to three devoted Board Members and Officers. **Jack Greaf** from MEPPI/Warrendale, PA retired after seven years of dedicated service, Employee Representative **Nicole Johnson** from MEUS/Cypress, CA completed her two year term as the employee voice on the Board, and **David Chang** for supporting MEAF and philanthropy for the past 25 years.



**Jack Greaf** (middle) accepts his plaque showing him volunteering with the Special Olympics. **Mr. Furukawa**, MEAF and MEUS President (left) and **Mr. Webb** MEAF Sr. Director (right).

### Committee at MEUS - Heating and Air Conditioning Division in Suwanee, GA.



Japanese volunteers with their students show off their decorated pumpkins and names in Japanese

Volunteers and the students worked together to decorate pumpkins for Halloween. Then, the volunteers taught the students how to write their names in Japanese making this project fun and educational. MEAF presented the school with a **\$500** donation matching the volunteer hours given by these employees.

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**Nicole Johnson** accepts her plaque recognizing her dedication to philanthropy and youth with disabilities.



Finally, **David Chang**, accepts his plaque showing him volunteering with MEAF and a wooden pen made by students from [Easter Seals Tristate's Building Ability](#) program.

With goodbyes come new beginnings and MEAF also welcomed Employee Representative, **Chatham Gongola** from MEPPi-Warrendale, PA and Assistant Treasurer, **Yuri Nakagawa** from MEUS-Cypress, CA to the Board.

## Deadlines and Reminders

#### National Grantees

Final Reports are due January 31

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**Mitsubishi Electric Volunteer Committees**

Starfishnet Call on November 12  
Hallway Golf Nominations due November 21  
Matching Grant Deadline is December 10

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