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

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.

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.

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.

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."

Learn More about DMD
Learn More about NDEAM
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

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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

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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.

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 MEPP- Warrendale, PA and Assistant Treasurer, Yuri Nakagawa from MEUS- Cypress, CA to the Board.

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National Grantees
Final Reports are due January 31
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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Starfish Match Deadline is December 10

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