



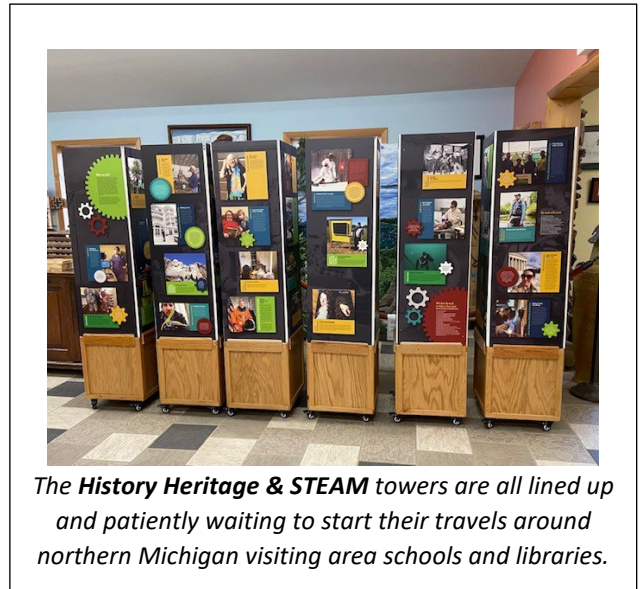
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Mission: Raven Hill provides a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

To: Family and Everyone
From: Cheri and Raven Hill
Date: October 22, 2022
Re: **History Heritage & STEAM**

We all remember being asked, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” It is a standard question asked of youngsters. Whether it’s a musician, an astronaut or a professional athlete, today’s career goals are the stuff of dreams, as they always have been. Northern Michigan students are no different than other children. When they grow up, they can be anything they want to be, as proven by the careers featured in Raven Hill Discovery Center’s traveling exhibit, **Labor Days History Heritage and STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Artistry Mathematics) of Work (HHS)**.



*The **History Heritage & STEAM** towers are all lined up and patiently waiting to start their travels around northern Michigan visiting area schools and libraries.*



Raven Hill volunteer, Ed Strzelinski, helps to unload the career towers at East Jordan High School, the first stop on its tour! Each tower features about 15 different careers.

With over 80 careers featured, this unique **History Heritage and STEAM** exhibit encourages students to explore Michigan career pathway opportunities. All careers featured connect to northern Michigan in some way. **HHS** can help students understand their strengths, discover their options, and follow their passions.

Raven Hill spent several months asking current and former “locals” to reflect on their vocations! Their experiences will be shared with northern Michigan students and get them excited about different career possibilities that can start right here at home and possibly end up anywhere in the world.

The responses from local (or once local) professionals have been very positive. “Thanks for reaching out! It was a fun exercise to write this up and think of where I was in high school, not knowing where I would end up.”—Cacia Lesh, Little Traverse Conservancy. “My career is definitely unconventional. Thanks for including me.”—Josiah Middaugh, Professional Triathlete. “I was honored to be considered and happy to participate.”—Scott Nachazel, EJ (East Jordan Ironworks). “What a cool exhibit.”—Gina Thornbury, Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation. “Your exhibit idea is real cool and what a wonderful thing for kids to see. Kids are generally only exposed to traditional careers.”—Kerri Finlayson, archaeologist.

The State of Michigan has developed six **Career Pathways**, which are designed to help K-12 students explore a variety of vocations, including Arts & Communication; Business Management, Marketing & Technology; Health Sciences; Natural Resources & Agriscience; Human Services; as well as Engineering/Manufacturing & Industrial Technology. These **Career Pathways** provide the overall organizational structure for Raven Hill's **HHS** traveling exhibit.



History Heritage & STEAM is equally at home in libraries, lobbies, reception areas or in foyers, as shown here outside the East Jordan Community Auditorium.

Labor Days History Heritage and STEAM of Work is now traveling to schools, libraries and other venues. The exhibit is a companion exhibit to the Smithsonian **Labor Days History of Work** exhibition that is currently on display at Raven Hill. You can book a date and time for your group to visit and explore northern Lower Michigan's local work history here at Raven Hill Discovery Center, schedule the **HHS** traveling exhibit to come to you or plan both experiences for your group. To schedule **History Heritage and STEAM of Work** exhibit or reserve a date and time to visit the Smithsonian **Labor Days** exhibit, **call Cheri at 231-536-3369 or email info@miravenhill.org**



At last, Raven Hill's HHS towers have begun their journey across northern Michigan, sharing all six Michigan Career Pathways with its audiences! How many friends and neighbors might you recognize?



*Career Pathways include careers that are grouped together, because they are similar. Which **Career Pathway** do you choose? Now, here's a challenge for you: can you name a career that connects science, history & art AND meets Raven Hill's mission?!*

Sponsors of this **History Heritage and STEAM of Work** exhibit include grants from the Baiardi Family Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, plus a donation in memory of Diane Strzelinski. A hearty thank you also goes to all the career presenters featured, to Charlevoix Emmet Intermediate School District for helping with transportation and to everyone who helped make **HHS** possible.

Take care and stay in touch. Better yet, plan a visit to Raven Hill soon! Currently, we are open weekends—noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on Sundays. During the week and on holidays, we are open by appointment. Call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org for more information or to make reservations.

Until next time, *Cheri*