



## By the Numbers:

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### Immersion Excursions Engage Students and Employers

The end of November marked one year of Immersion Excursions, a career exploration experience that takes students outside the usual Internet search, classroom presentation, and panel discussion.

Career Services partners with area employers to host a limited number of students and faculty at some of northeast Indiana's top companies. The half-day trips take approximately 15 students and faculty members to selected regional companies in a variety of industries. **Participants** are greeted by staff, tour the facility, and connect with professionals. It's an opportunity for them to check out a company and what it's like being immersed in the culture. They also use the time to network with representatives about possible internships or full-time positions.

**Employers** use the excursions as an opportunity to connect with future employees. "The students were engaged and curious," said Jill Mueller, HR director for Northeastern Center. "I was happy to have the opportunity to share our workplace with them."

Here is a recap of the 2014–15 Immersion Excursions:

- **9** site visits
- **12** faculty attended
- **27** majors represented
- **81** students attended
- **202** miles traveled
- **countless** involved employees
- **countless** connections made

Our next Immersion Excursion will take computer science and information technology students to **Extension Healthcare**, leaders in clinical alarm safety and event response solutions. Extension Healthcare has a longstanding relationship with IPFW. They partner with multiple entities on campus to help IPFW initiatives and connect with students. Their input is especially valuable to the Department of Computer Science. Extension Healthcare currently employs more than 30 former IPFW students at its Fort Wayne headquarters.

