

## LETTER FROM THE NORTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

# Our latest partnership helps train individuals for local industrial technology jobs at Praxair



I have always believed partnerships have the ability to transform lives and communities in ways no single initiative can. It seems in North Township, the more we branch out and team up, the better the return.

I am reminded of this as I look around the region and see the partnerships we have forged, which include some of the largest and most established industries in the country.

Today, we are working with education stand-outs Purdue Calumet and Ivy Tech to provide top-of-the-line training for our residents, who want to find good-paying jobs, while serving the needs of Praxair, one of the largest providers of industrial gases in the world.

Resource Coordinator Cindy Rivera is working with the company, which has offices in East Chicago and Hammond, to train individuals in very specific areas of industrial technology.

Praxair managers are partnering with North Township and the two colleges to train would-be workers to meet their needs. While Purdue works through its Project AWAKE – a workforce training initiative – Ivy Tech has offered to house equipment donated by Praxair for hands-on training.

It's one of those wonderful collaborations where everyone wins. Our township residents get education that equips them for bright futures. Praxair solidifies its workforce with local people. Purdue Calumet and Ivy Tech fulfill their mission of workforce education.

It's the kind of community benefit that is amplified with each entity that comes to the table and we, at North Township, are pleased to be a catalyst in the effort. ▲

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