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“Develop the best -
Hire the best”

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The development of human capital for the wood industry is our number one goal. The WoodLINKS USA story is compelling and sells easily from a vision standpoint; but getting real movement with “greenfield” start-ups or in re-programming existing school programs can be challenging and takes time and effort. Sometimes we gloss over establishment of new sites that have taken hours of work by both paid and volunteer workers. It is this impact that we are after and we now have a tool in place to measure this impact. The tool is, “Where are they now?”

At the end of each school year our teachers will be answering the following questions. 1. How many students are participating in internships? 2. How many students are going on for post-secondary wood related institutions? 3. How many students are getting jobs in the wood industry?

The 2007-2008 school year marks the first year we started harvesting this information from our WoodLINKS USA school sites. You can view this information in the **PartnerLINK** area of our new web site under the **Where are they now** tab. Each year we will see an ever increasing number of students being positively affected towards the wood industry.

I trust that WoodLINKS USA is continuing to earn your valuable support in this endeavor. Without your annual donations, this worthy cause would not continue to grow and flourish. It is with great pleasure that I serve you, the Wood Industry, as the National Director of WoodLINKS USA.

Thank You



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