

The Voice of the Apprentice:

A Panel on Illinois' Apprentice
Ambassadors and Their Employers



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Program Goals

The Apprentice Ambassador Program features a yearly cohort of star current or former apprentices who are given professional development to tell their story at business engagement events.



Business Engagement

Ambassadors increase business engagement and visibility at in-person events and on social media.

Leadership Training

Ambassadors receive free monthly professional development sessions.

Success Stories

Ambassador success stories are our best asset.

For the State

Increased apprenticeship visibility.

For Business

Free promotion and employee training.

For Ambassadors

Professional development to grow the next generation of leaders.

Who are our Apprentice Ambassadors?

This year we have 16 Apprentice Ambassadors from 12 employers.

Employers include:

Allstate, Northwestern Medicine, German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, Mid-Illinois Companies & Associated Constructors, Lake County Workforce Development, McDonald's, Aon, Birkey's, Educare West DuPage, Accenture, United Airlines, Zurich North America

Occupations include:

Early Careers Program Coordinator, Data Engineer Associate, End User Computing Enablement, Business Apprentice, Union Painter, Career Specialist, Cybersecurity Associate, Diesel Service Technician, Teacher Assistant, Senior Analyst, Data & Risk Analyst Apprentice, Claims Admin Apprentice



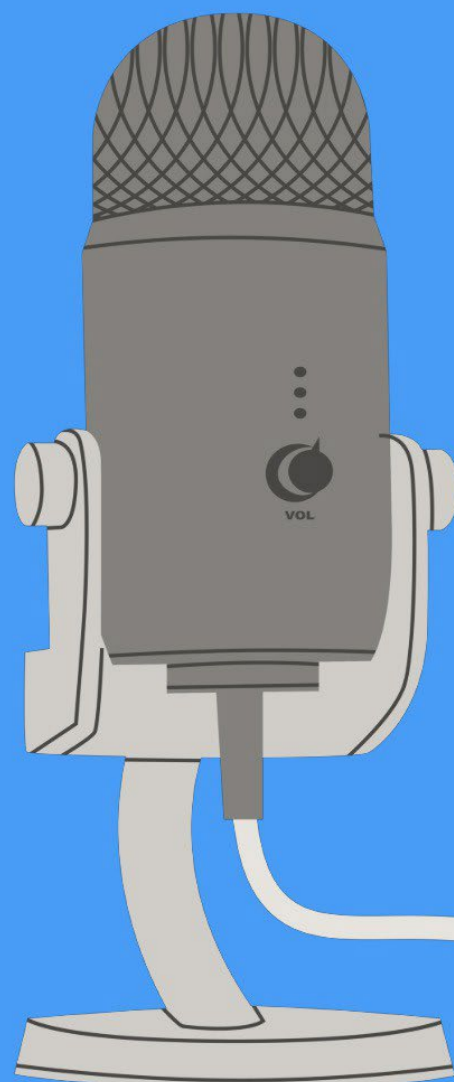
Social Media Challenge

We asked some of our Ambassadors common questions about apprenticeship—and had them face the evil jellybean challenge.



**THE APPRENTICE
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The Apprentice Perspective Podcast

features conversations with apprentices and work-based learning leaders about the impact of apprenticeship on Illinois workers and businesses, as well as emerging innovations in work-based learning across the state. The show highlights the stories of participants in the Apprentice Ambassador Program and recipients of the WBLA Catalysts Initiative.

Call for Ambassadors!

Applications will be reviewed November 12th.

Application open year-round.

Questions? Email abgome2@ilstu.edu

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