

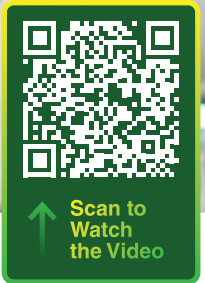


Statewide Access, Statewide Opportunity: Malik's Story

When Malik relocated to Central Illinois, he found that Illinois' EV workforce strategy extends far beyond Chicago. Through Rev Up EV, he gained access to the same advanced, industry-aligned training he could have pursued in the city — close to home and connected to opportunity. In just two semesters, Malik is on course for a high-paying career working on heavy-duty equipment, showing how Illinois is building statewide access to cutting-edge programs that prepare students for the jobs of the future.

The Future: Scaling Illinois' EV and Advanced Manufacturing Talent Pipeline

Rev Up EV has moved from startup to statewide implementation. The next phase will scale what is proven: dual credit and postsecondary pathways, industry-aligned program expansion, work-based learning, and student supports that improve persistence and completion. Continued investment will help Illinois meet immediate workforce demand while strengthening a proven model for clean energy and advanced manufacturing talent development—ensuring Illinois is the best place in the nation to live, work, and do business.



Employers in the Driver's Seat: Sam Leman Auto

Parkland College's Ford ASSET program helps Sam Leman Auto Group build a dealership-ready workforce. As John Casper, Landmark Ford Service Manager, emphasized, students are employed at the dealership throughout the program, making job placement nearly guaranteed. Rev Up EV grant support for equipment and supplies is central to these outcomes, expanding hands-on training and on-the-job skill development.



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