2020 Region 3 ACTE Summer Conference Tours

Rahr Corporation:

This tour will take you to one of the world's largest malt and grain industries. Rahr Corp. is a producer of malt and grains for the craft beer, distillery, and craft food companies world-wide. Rahr Malting Co., located in Shakopee, MN, is a family-owned company that has been in business since 1847, producing and distributing malt and related supplies for breweries, distilleries, and allied industries around the world. Our modern malt production plants are strategically located in Shakopee, MN and Alix, Alberta, Canada. The malting operations are supported by our barley procurement and distribution business located in Taft, North Dakota. Koda Energy is an environmentally friendly energy project which is a joint venture between Rahr Malting and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC). Using a suspension boiler for maximum efficiency to burn only renewable products, it runs extremely efficiently. Products burned in Koda Energy are primarily agricultural byproducts and clean wood residues. This biomass energy generation provides electrical and thermal energy to Rahr – replacing the use of natural gas, and also provides additional renewable electricity to Xcel Energy to help fulfill their renewable energy requirements.

Come see a wonderful agriculture, renewable energy, food industry, and craft beverage industry leader with a behind the scenes tour.

Cambria U.S.A:

Cambria prides itself on being the leading family-owned, American-made producer of natural stone surfaces. That's a rare combination in today's increasingly globalized marketplace. For our customers, that means a top-quality, handcrafted product they can be proud of with breathtaking beauty, exceptional durability, and maintenance-free convenience. All backed by our dedicated customer service representatives in Belle Plaine, Minnesota, and af Full Lifetime Warranty.

Come get a first hand look at how they produce high-quality products from the beginning to the end product. This will be a wonderful experience for those in manufacturing, robotics, design, marketing, and science.

St. Francis Regional Medical Center:

St. Francis Regional Medical Center is regarded as the region's first choice for safe, high-quality, respectful care. With 85 private rooms, St. Francis ranks in the top 10 percent of hospitals nationwide for care and quality. St. Francis is physically connected on the same campus with St. Gertrude's Health & Rehabilitation Center, Allina Health Clinic, Park Nicollet Clinic, a cancer center, a dialysis center, emergency and urgent care, medical and dentistry, and many other services and specialty clinics housed in two adjoining medical office buildings.

St. Francis Regional Medical Center is jointly owned by Allina Health, Park Nicollet Health Services and Essentia Health Critical Access Group. Its Catholic identity is sponsored by the Benedictine Sisters of the St. Scholastica Monastery. St. Francis Regional Medical Center is uniquely positioned to bring top-notch professionals together to provide the best possible healthcare for our patients.

You will experience a tour of a top-notch facility. Those in the Health Sciences, Human Services, and Business/Administration areas will find this appealing.

Amazon Distribution Center:

Visit one of the region's and nation's largest distribution sites for Amazon products in Shakopee, MN. This state-of-the-art facility will give you an insight into the fast moving world of product distribution with a walking tour of the facility. You will see how logistics, distribution, and technology collide to make Amazon a global giant.

Those with interests in Business, Manufacturing, and Information Systems will find this to be fascinating.

Shakopee High School Academies:

In the fall of 2018, the expanded Shakopee High School opened after being nearly doubled in size. A new vision for Shakopee High School, the Academies of Shakopee, was created to ensure a welcoming, inclusive environment within a large high school setting and to improve student success in post-secondary programs and career.

The Academies of Shakopee are small learning communities of students and teachers who are organized around areas of interest. Students have the opportunity to connect with others who have similar aspirations and with teachers who can make meaningful connections to their plans for the future.

The Academies consist of: Arts and Communication, Business and Entrepreneurship, Engineering and Manufacturing, Health Science, Human Services, Science and Technology, and a Freshman Academy.

Come hear about this new look into the future of high schools. You will see the new Shakopee High School building and hear from students and staff about how this model works for students and families.