



April 2021

Welcome to the Tenth Edition of *Some Assembly Required!*



Mock Judge Stand for the University of Nebraska Lincoln. Made in Shop 29 (Wood Shop @ OCC)



Above: Custom Work Station for Hall County Department of Corrections. Made in Shop 29 (Wood Shop @ OCC)

Above: Custom Mail Box holder for the Masonic Temple.
Made in Shop 61 (Wood Shop @ TSCI)



Some Assembly Required: The CSI Newsletter

3 Questions With a CSI Employee - Brian Pantzlaff - Manufacturing Manager

1. What do you find rewarding about your position as Manufacturing Manager? *The most rewarding part of my job is watching the CSI team come together when the chips are down. Year after year we battle lockdowns, retirements, large orders with short deadlines, equipment failure, and weather. CSI Staff being engaged and using effective communication with our customers, always get the job done.*
2. What is the biggest change you've witnessed in our shops from the beginning of the pandemic to now? *The biggest change I have seen in our shops from the beginning of the pandemic has been versatility. Both our workers and the entire CSI staff have had to learn and complete jobs they have never done before. It has been an enriching and engaging year. When most of the world was sequestered in their homes, CSI was on the front lines working harder than we have ever worked.*
3. Name two big projects you've worked on that you've personally enjoyed being a part of: *Two projects I have enjoyed being part of is hard to narrow down to just two. I enjoy being part of jobs that are larger or have the potential to become prodigious projects by developing relationships and are going above and beyond with customer service. The Stephen Center in Omaha ordered several dozen twin and queen sized wood beds from us. We were able to complete and deliver those beds while our drivers and two quality crew came off Christmas vacation and Shop 29 (Wood Shop @ OCC) went on overtime, to get the job done. They liked those beds so much, they had us design and create a metal bed with a shelf, metal drawers, and dividers for their homeless shelter intake. Another home run for CSI.*

Pictured below are the twin and queen beds built in Shop 29 (Wood Shop @ OCC) for the Stephen Center.





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Lincoln Manufacturing Council NSP Tour!

On Monday, April 12th, area business leaders a part of the Lincoln's Manufacturing Council (LMC) toured CSI's shops located in NSP. They got detailed tours of Shop 20(Chair/Wood Shop), Shop 28(Sign Shop), Shop 44(Braille Shop), Shop 51(License Plate Shop), and 52(Laundry Shop). Thank you to everyone over at NSP who gave a great tour!





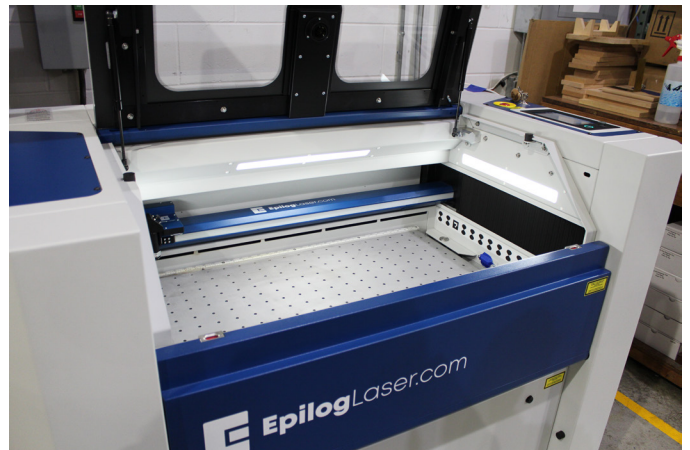
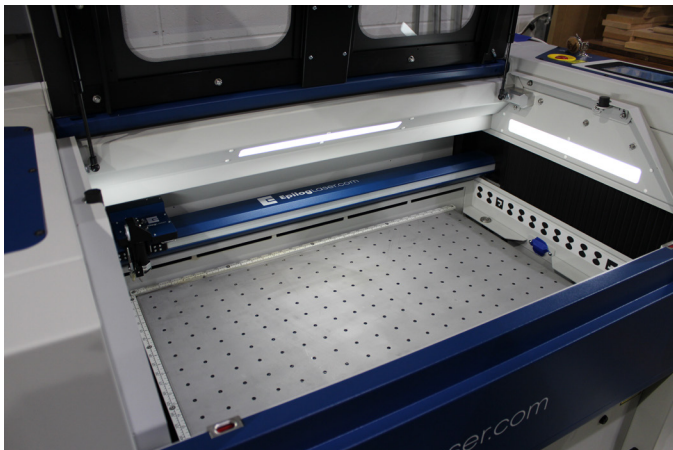
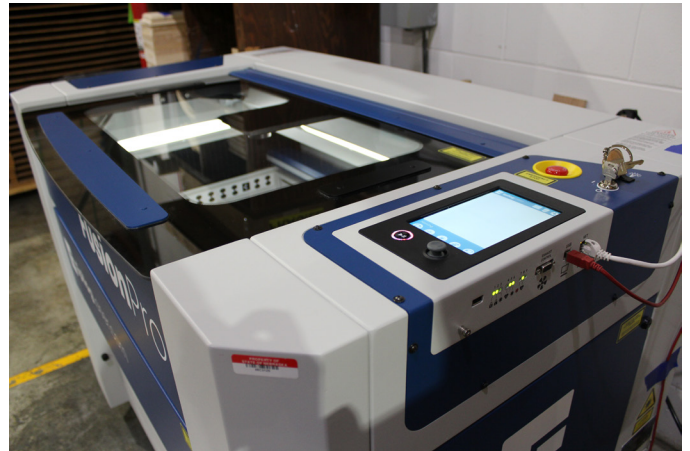
Lincoln Manufacturing Council Class



This month, select CSI incarcerated, employees have taken the initiative to enroll and complete a Manufacturing Technician Certification program. This program is being offered by CSI and the Lincoln Manufacturing Council. Seven candidates successfully completed the class and are being recognized for going above and beyond. By taking and completing this course, these individuals are taking an active role in securing key components of their own reentry process. To date, four of the seven, participants were able to secure employment. This has been a groundbreaking partnership and a huge turning point for area manufacturers becoming second chance employers. The Lincoln area manufacturing employers are willing to do what it takes to help these displaced Nebraskans secure a successful future, by breaking the chains of recidivism. Be on the lookout for future LMC Manufacturing Tech Certification opportunities.



New Laser Machine in Print Shop!



Check out our latest equipment update in the Print Shop located in the Lincoln Correctional Center. The Epilog Fusion Pro 32 - CO2 80-watt laser engraver can engrave on 25 different types of materials and cut 18 of the 25. It has one IRIS Camera (1 overhead and registration). It has some of the fastest engraving in the industry. A new feature is the PhotoLaser Plus Software that engraves photos. This can elevate any award or plaque! This machine will be used to make awards, wood plaques, and custom awards/plaques. This machine will help make the NDCS annual awards that are coming up.