

2025 CEED AWARD WINNERS

C.J. Carden has nearly 10 years of experience within GE Aerospace's Supply Chain division. He currently leads a large team of buyers responsible for procurement activities for specific part families of jet engine hardware. Outside of his role, C.J. is heavily involved in university recruiting for GE Aerospace, primarily at the University of Dayton. A former co-op himself during his undergraduate studies from 2013 to 2015, C.J. has been passionate about experiential learning ever since. He has held various levels of recruiting responsibilities and currently serves as the Campus Recruiting Leader for GE Aerospace at U.D.



Lou Takacs Employer

C.J. Carden
GE Aerospace

Driven by relationships and results, C.J. has worked tirelessly to consistently fill GE Aerospace's talent pipeline with strong leaders while ensuring students find meaningful value in their work. GE Aerospace has consistently been a top employer at the University of Dayton, with strong co-op retention and conversion rates during his tenure. C.J. ensures transparency and candor with everyone he interacts with to enable clear expectations and build a foundation of trust. He also serves on U.D.'s Career Services Employer Advisory Council and participates in other events, such as guest lecturing and employer panels, to offer industry insight to undergraduate students and faculty. C.J.'s unwavering dedication, innovative initiatives, and personalized mentorship have transformed countless students' lives while strengthening the relationship between academia and industry.