Letter to the Student

Dear Student:

Our mission is to prepare you for careers in manufacturing and to provide manufacturers the skilled human resources required to compete in the global economy. We help you by giving you the opportunity to develop the skills required to succeed in a 21st century manufacturing environment. We engage you by combining theory with the “hands-on” experience valued by manufacturers. We prepare you for the future by providing an academically challenging curriculum and providing you the flexibility to accomplish your goals. You can earn a certificate and enter the workforce in one year, complete an Associate’s degree program that combines technical skills of the certificate with a background in general studies, or you can continue your studies and earn a Bachelor of Science or Masters of Science degrees using our training in manufacturing technology as a foundation.

Globalization has forced companies to make unprecedented demands on their workforce. The low skill, repetitive, and unrewarding jobs of the past are gone. The high tech jobs that remain can provide you with opportunities for a challenging and satisfying career. Manufacturing provides more than 10% of all job opportunities in the state and manufacturers have a dire need for skilled labor. Their need provides a real opportunity for you. This is one of a small handful of programs where you can complete your training in as little as one year and get a job that pays a living wage with full benefits. There is room for advancement. You can start off as a machine operator and get into an apprenticeship, become a supervisor, or provide engineering support. One of the best features of this program is it provides skills that are transferrable to different parts of the state, country, and even internationally.

We use traditional tool room machinery to teach you the basics in machining. Our CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machines provide you the opportunity to work with machinery encountered in a manufacturing environment. We provide you the opportunity to work with software used in industry today. In the classroom you get the foundation in mathematics and machine theory to succeed. Lessons are applied to the shop floor where you work on projects to provide you valuable “hands-on” experience. In addition to developing technical skills, these projects help you develop the soft skills valued by employers such as effective communication, workplace etiquette, and teamwork.

Most importantly, we value partnerships. We want to work with you to help you achieve your goals. We formed an advisory committee of local manufacturers to find out what their needs are and what we can do to help ensure your success. Even in these tough economic times, the college invested in this program because they believe in it and see it as a vehicle to provide a career opportunity for you. Please take the time to consider manufacturing as a career. We believe you will be pleasantly surprised with the opportunities we can provide. For more information about the manufacturing program, please contact

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