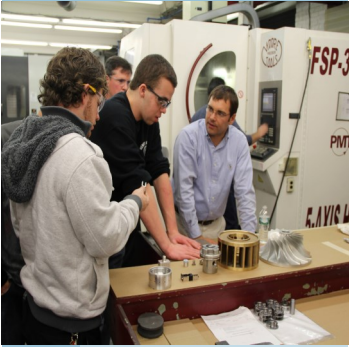


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HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE Interns Hit the Road

As the Beatles sang “*I Get By With A Little Help From My Friends*” and that applies to local manufacturers who have begun sponsoring a new crew of interns from the Advanced Manufacturing Center. The outstanding academic performance of this year’s students has made almost 30 of them eligible to pursue a limited internship. Each student is assigned a host company based upon credentials submitted to HR and interviews with manufacturing coordinators. The choice is all up to the company. Students are available on Fridays during regular work hours and any other time that does not conflict with their program of studies. Experience tells us that roughly 90% of those who complete an internship become hires, as employers have a direct opportunity to preview the skills and work habits of each potential candidate. What makes it even better is that all students are registered with the **CT Training Initiative**, which will provide 24 weeks of salary subsidies up to 75% for each new full-time worker. ..homeruns all around.

Our thanks for the support of many AMC industry partners willing to get involved in a low-risk means to grow the quality of Connecticut’s workforce. This is an idea whose time has come!

Manufacture Your Future EXPO at HCC

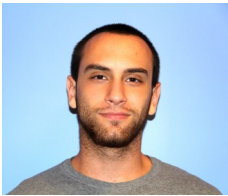
Changing the perception of manufacturing has been a primary goal of several statewide, regional and local associations, all working to drive economic growth and stimulate job creation in Connecticut. The CBIA and Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing have joined forces to host EXPOs throughout the state, providing area high school students with an opportunity to learn up close what the industry is really all about. HCC is most fortunate to have been chosen as a host site on Friday, May 9th. The plan is simple; bring together 300 or so students and manufacturing representatives at one place in a dazzling event showcasing the products and processes which make **Made in Connecticut** mean something in their future work lives. We are looking for exhibitors from industry to help deliver the message that manufacturing is not a job, it’s a career! Should your company wish to join us in making things happen please get in touch with CBIA coordinator Mary DeManbey (860) 244-1975 (mary.demanbey@cbia.com) or Gene LaPorta (203) 231-4815 (windyacres2@snet.net)

Manufacturing Work Group Formed

Under the leadership of DOL's Chris Caruso, an Advanced Manufacturing Work Group has been established to help foster connections between industry, education and local/regional agencies supporting manufacturing in southwestern Connecticut. This high-powered assembly includes representatives from area companies, legislators, school Principals, NHMA, DOL, CCAT, Veterans Affairs and higher education to mention a few. Individual committees are separated into Marketing and Outreach, Workforce Development and Resources, and Legislative /Regulatory Initiatives. Look for many good things to come as this group engages issues affecting the future of Connecticut's manufacturing industry.

Meet your future workforce

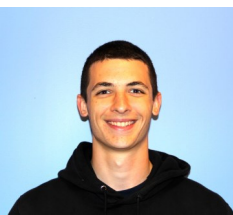
Have a look at some of our current students who are ready for internships. All you need do is respond to Gene LaPorta, Advanced Manufacturing Outreach Coordinator (203) 231-4815 or windyacres2@snet.net to review resumes and schedule an interview.



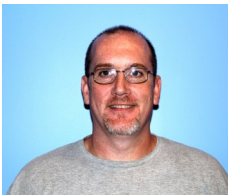
Brandon Eison hails from Shelton. He attended Southern Connecticut State University before joining the AMC. Brandon has worked at the local Boys and Girls club, volunteered for Special Olympics coaching and has experience in landscaping as well. He's both a hard-working and personable student.



Daric Parker has attended Three Rivers Community college and UCONN. He's a math whiz with a background in computer applications. He has been a tech specialist with fluency in both Matlab programming and Auto-Cad. Daric also has done considerable community service working to enhance cultural understanding. He is enthusiastic, inquisitive and quite skilled.



After an honors career at Notre Dame HS, Jesse Forth first pursued a fine arts degree at Paier College of Art before deciding that manufacturing was more interesting. He has done over 100 hours of community service projects and has experience working as a local truck driver and delivery person. Jesse is hard-working and eager to learn.



Matt McGarry has been a set-up mechanic, electrical apprentice, remodeling contractor and sheet metal technician. He is fork lift certified and a strong performer in the AMC. Matt's personal qualities are dependability, loyalty, honesty and punctuality; essential in an experienced, mature worker. He also restores antique motor cycles and is an avid fly fisherman.



Victor Ricks has been an interstate truck driver, weatherization technician and professional painter, as well as a football/basketball coach. Victor also spent three semesters at Norfolk State University. He is dependable, reliable, always on time and eager to start his new career in manufacturing.