



# Advanced Manufacturing Center



## HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE **First Semester Ends**

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Happy New Year to all. Thanks for being part of something special! Given the most daunting requirements of a 35 plus hour week (both in theory and lab) while managing homework, family responsibilities and part-time jobs to keep it all together, our intrepid group of *soon-to-be* machinists have demonstrated stellar academic performance. Program Director, Mike Gugger has been quoted saying *these guys are an extraordinary bunch; they soak it up like sponges and keep asking for more.* With a mean GPA of 3.3 it is needless to say, that AMC instructors are excited by the potential of this class. Their enthusiasm, work ethic and professional manner speaks volumes to what is yet to come as they pursue Level II certification. Make no mistake the Class of 2014 is to be reckoned with. Aside from that, each one brings a unique perspective to their anticipated careers including U.S. military service, serious advanced degrees, prior work experience, professional comedy and substantial volunteerism in their communities that goes beyond hurricanes. You need to meet them to understand. Seeing is believing...and the offer is open to visit and find out for yourself what is going on the Advanced Manufacturing Center.

### **Industry Partners and the AMC Advisory Committee**

The Advanced Manufacturing Center relies upon the input of local industry to inform decisions regarding curriculum, equipment and the future direction/expansion of our program. Currently, there are thirty-two members of the committee, which meets roughly six times per year. Local manufacturers, industry associations, state/local agencies, legislators and chambers of commerce are represented in the membership; all with a vested economic interest in success of the AMC. Recent discussions have focused upon even greater training needs for CNC programming, Tool and Die making along with Additive Manufacturing. The committee is pleased to welcome newer members Paul Kelly (Alinabal), Bruce McGaillard (Glyne), Donna DeMattia (The Workplace), Jamie Scott (Air Handling Systems) and Paul Timpanelli (BRBC). Working in tandem with HCC staff, this stellar group provides for the leadership, vision and connections between the Center and regional industry. If you have an interest in participating, let Program Director Mike Gugger know by calling him at (203) 332-5963.

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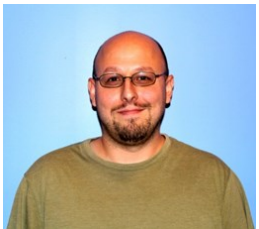


## *Internship Opportunities 2014*

Accompanying this newsletter is an announcement of intern positions soon to be available. Companies participating in this program have had a chance to *road test* a potential hire by working with a student on a limited basis during second semester. Only those in good standing (B or better average, regular attendance and strong work ethic) are deemed eligible to become interns. Given the outstanding performance of this class thus far, Mike anticipates about twenty eligible students ready to begin work early in February. The Advisory Committee has even suggested that internships might be combined with live production supervised and completed in part by company personnel and student teams, on-site at the AMC. This is an exceptional opportunity for manufacturers to *grow their own* employees. Think about it and if you have an interest in sponsoring/mentoring an intern get back to Gene LaPorta at (203) 231-4815 or [windyacres2@snet.net](mailto:windyacres2@snet.net) .

## Meet your future workforce

Have a look at some of our current students who are more than making the grade.



Tom Moylan is a fast learner with a strong background in computer network administration as well as warehouse experience. He's a Bridgeport resident who distinguished himself for math ability prior to entering HCC. Tom is a team player who is able to work well with others while also carrying out instructions flawlessly.



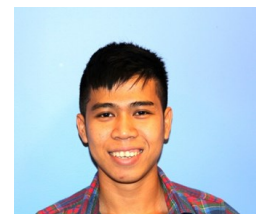
Dom Figueiredo has an Associates degree from Housatonic along with extensive work experience as a plastics fabricator, spot welder, corporate sales representative and recruiter. He's also a certified martial arts expert, sculptor and professional comedian (you may have caught his act). Dom hails from Milford and is also a serious honors level student.



Scott Carruthers is a Platt Tech graduate and veteran, having served in the Army as a transportation specialist; earning medals for exceptional merit. He is motivated, enthusiastic, skilled and capable of independent function. Scott is also detail-oriented, precise and ready to take on new challenges. He's a Stratford resident who is eager to get to work.



Rob Oliver is a hard-working guy who has worked in the restaurant industry and continues to maintain part-time employment while putting in 35 hours per week at the AMC. Needless to say, this Trumbull AYSO volunteer has incredible energy and talent to go with it. He's a top student who is also a nature enthusiast, enjoying fishing, hiking and biking in his free time.



Tuan Than Vo made Dean's list at HCC before entering the AMC program. He is always present and on time, demonstrating high levels of skill and personal motivation. Tuan is a Bridgeport guy who not only works part time, but volunteers in community service organizations. He's another quick learner who follows instruction to the letter.