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## Second Semester



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# Advanced Manufacturing Center

First semester wrapped up for the Class of 2015. Grades are being finalized as the guys and girls spend some time away from school during a long intersession. When they return on January 21st, it's full speed ahead, as the finish line will be in sight. Integral to a complete manufacturing education, is an internship placement with a local company. Fridays are designated, beginning February 13th through graduation, for this purpose. Eligible students will be able to spend an entire work day with your company to become familiar with the working environment while also providing an extended interview process for potential hires. Internships are designed as a chance to *kick the tires* and take our product for a road test; uncomplicated and simple. All our students are eager to work with you to make this a win-win situation. I need to hear from you so that assignment and planning can be done. Contact me at [elaporta@housatonic.edu](mailto:elaporta@housatonic.edu) or give my cell a call (203) 231-4815 and we can put things in motion.

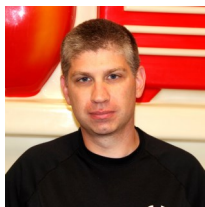
### AMC Program Director Rich Dupont in the news

Many of you have known Rich for a lot of years as an advocate of Connecticut Manufacturing. A recent article in the Waterbury Republican once again tapped his considerable knowledge and experience speaking about both the present and future of the industry. As Rich aptly said when speaking to both state and national economies; *if we're not making product, we're not going to survive*; also noting *our manufacturers are among the most advanced in the world and will continue to be that*. *Advanced manufacturing is really what we key in on right now, and innovation; there are so many things going on in our own backyard in Connecticut it's amazing*. But on a more specific level Rich pointed out; *manufacturers, have to take some responsibility for our own destiny* and that may take some help. Whether connecting your company with state resources available to small and mid-sized manufacturers or working together with the AMC to make things happen, Rich Dupont is one of those committed individuals who has his heart in the game...and his student's welfare as well. Nice job, Mr. Dupont.

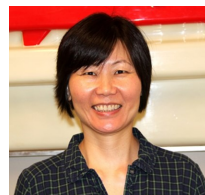


# Meet the AMC All-Stars

Here is just a small sample of this year's class. Take a close look at these guys and girls, as they represent the future of Connecticut's manufacturing workforce.



Aaron Leo has quite a pedigree, having a BS from Northeastern University and years under his belt as a noted local journalist. Trumbull resident and married father of two, Aaron put his considerable talents to work pursuing a new career in the industry. His performance in the AMC thus far has been stellar, predicting a bright future. Hard work and dedication are Aaron's calling cards.



Ying Du is also a Trumbull resident with two kids in college. Having emigrated from China many years ago, Ying has broad experience in medical instrument manufacturing and computer applications. She is hoping to expand her career options by advancing her training and by all measures is definitely on the right track. Ying is bright, soft-spoken and absolutely conscientious.



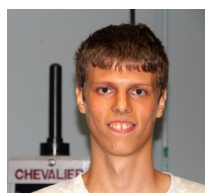
Ed Daniels is an Army veteran with vast experience in electronics, sheet metal and operational engineering. Also from Trumbull, Ed has an inquisitive mind that focuses on problem-solving. His dream career is to work in industrial repair and mechanics. Ed has demonstrated his capabilities as a quick learner whose innate fascination with how and why things work is a strong motivator.



Chris Gilbert is a people-oriented Oxford high school graduate with a serious ambition to become tops in his field. He's both athletic and community minded, volunteering time to help Special Olympics. Chris is also motivated, intelligent and eager to begin working in the manufacturing industry. He is focused and works well in teams...lots of leadership potential here.



George Price aptly describes himself as organized, detail-oriented and driven to excel. He has attended both Norwalk Community College (construction management) and HCC. He's an avid soccer player (and fan) and has been a peer leader for college summits. George has natural mechanical ability which translates well in his performance thus far in the AMC.



Vinny Jakiela did two years at CCSU before deciding to change career paths from computer programming to manufacturing. He's an intelligent, determined individual with strong shop-sense...and another big soccer player. Vinny is highly focused, has a great attitude and maintains a serious work ethic; which will no doubt serve him well in the future.



Daniellie Rodriguez is a total team player, graduating from Harding HS and working toward her general studies degree at HCC before deciding manufacturing was in her future. She is talented, hard-working and consummately organized. Aside from that, Daniellie is also a self-starter who has posted consistently strong performance throughout first semester.

*There are 33 more eager students, all looking for their shot in the industry. Give it to them!*

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