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Mass MEP Advanced Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Program Graduation



The Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MassMEP) Workforce Development Team has graduated their 11th Advanced CNC Class. The graduates, who span a wide range of age, previous work experience, and expertise, heard about the program through their local Career Center after becoming unemployed. The twelve were selected from a much larger group of potential candidates because they displayed an aptitude for CNC Machining skills and the right attitude to succeed in the rigorous program.

On Friday, October 18th, the Mass MEP conference room in Worcester was filled with graduates, instructors, directors of organizations, members of local Workforce Investment Boards, and elected officials.

Each graduate received several certificates during the ceremony for the training they completed, including: apprenticeship certificates, MassMEP's Lean to Green certificates, Worcester Polytechnic Institute's (WPI's) Manufacturing Advanced CNC Certificates, OSHA safety training cards from Worcester Technical High School, and Math Boot Camp certificates from Quinsigamond Community College.

Jesse Hills of the Advanced CNC Program said, *"I learned so much in this Advanced CNC training program. I realized my potential as a skilled worker and as a student. Before beginning the program I felt frustrated and alone with seemingly no hope of continuing my career. I was selected for the training and met 11 others who were in the same place I was. We worked together along with the MassMEP staff who, with their knowledge and skill, prepared us for a new career in the CNC industry. Now I feel confident that I can be a valuable employee at my new job as a CNC Machinist. This training has enabled the 12 of us to get a start in a career that is difficult to enter without previous experience. The training with the HAAS CNC machines at WPI provided*



invaluable hands-on experience and education. This program really has turned my life around and showed me that together we can bring manufacturing back as a lasting career to our community."

The next Advanced CNC Class will begin in January, 2014. Please contact Lisa Derby Oden at 507-831-7020, ext. 15 if you have questions.