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Meaghan's Message

Greetings, Phillips Education Community!

Can you believe we are already 1/4th into 2024?

Before the school year ends, we have a few more events to share with you. Let's start with the Skills USA Championships.

Although Skills USA was not in person this year, I was able to attend and see the rest of our SPTC Team. Many of our students placed top spots at the conference. Another year of hard work and dedication.

Diligence to provide you and your students with the most hands-on and the experience! Please reach out to me regarding SkillsUSA, please contact your state director [HERE]

After Skills, we logged a couple more days in Rochester at SC, where I attended the Fall 2023 TMO Robotic Cutting Technology Summit. Many owners Primy and Jeff Phillips attended the SC Midwest Technical Conference in Fargo, North Dakota. This program is hosted by Dr. Jeremy Bigley, who focuses on workforce development and sustainable careers in manufacturing.

Second, we attended The Country Technical College in Rockford, IL. Jeff Phillips was invited to present the investment opportunity with the inclusion of the Phillips Robotics. We were also able to visit with many existing schools in the area, such as Rock Falls, Erie, Hiawatha and the Sterling Campus. It was great to see how they are supporting their students.

Lastly,in Atlanta,Georgia with our Prefab Centers Team. We attended the Tilt Symposium. We were able to meet with our PCI Texas owners along with our Georgia Sponsors. These are great opportunities to network, upsell, upsell, and invite them to our events. Overall, the workforce challenges are the same across the board.

Phillips was on top of their game and ready to address the problems with solutions. The result of our team's hard work and dedication to programmers and operators is now available - both Robotic Cutting and Automated Welding.

Stay tuned for a more information and updates (and maybe from our experts!)

A side feature in this newsletter will be launched in two sections titled "Ask the Experts" Starting this month and going forward, you can submit questions you may have about the manufacturing industry, robotics/automation/PLC/Phillips Technology and our team of experts will be happy to answer!

Additional questions will be compiled and the following month's newsletter will post answers.

I hope you all have a great March and if you are on Spring Break, I hope you have a wonderful time!

Thank you for all you do!

Meaghan

Educators of the Month

Ryan Pulaski

Manufacturing Technology Instructor

My name is Louis Ryan Pulaski and I am the Machine Technology Instructor for Manchester County Center and Technology. I graduated from Manchester Memorial High School in 2008.

My career as a Machinist started after I graduated from Connecticut Certified Technical High School in 2011. I graduated from the Machine Technology program. I was hired at Hamilton Machine, SC where I was employed for 8 years as a Machinist. From there I went to CNC Shop in Port Charlotte where I set up and operated computerized machine tools. I was then hired at Manchester Community College where I have been for the past seven years. I started the CNC Certificate in 3 years and then added a minor in Mechanical Engineering.

After the layoff, I wanted to venture completely in the Biomedical Mechanics area as a CNC Machine Operator. I was employed at Medtronic for a short period and then at the Specialties of New England.

I have spent the past 9 years teaching Machine Technology at Manchester Community College. I have taught Machine Shop I, Machine Shop II, Machine Shop III, and Machine Shop IV. I also teach the Machine Technology Fundamentals course. I have a Machine Technology Certificate, Machine Technology Associate Degree and a Mechanical Engineering Technology Associate Degree. I am also involved with SkillsUSA and have had several of my students win awards in the Machine Technology competitions.

I work closely with local manufacturing companies to ensure that my curriculum is aligned with their needs. Recently I have been working with Pratt & Whitney to develop a Machine Technician Apprenticeship program. I am also working with Electric Boat