

AmSkills Celebrates National Apprenticeship Week

November 13 – 19 2017

This week has been designated as National Apprenticeship Week by U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta. Apprenticeships provide demand-driven education, allowing apprentices to earn while they learn – helping to close the skills gap between the skills job creators seek and job seekers need.

"Expanding apprenticeships across all industries is a priority for the Trump Administration. Since the President signed his Executive Order Expanding Apprenticeships in America, we've seen significant interest in apprenticeship programs across a range of industries," said Secretary Acosta. "National Apprenticeship Week provides an opportunity to put a spotlight on how apprenticeships can help Americans learn the skills they need for success in today's workplace. By increasing the number of apprenticeships, more Americans will be on the path to family-sustaining jobs."

National Apprenticeship Week is a nationwide opportunity for companies, trade and industry groups, nonprofit organizations, unions, labor-management organizations, and educational institutions to highlight how apprenticeships prepare American workers for the jobs of today and the future.

This month's AmSkills newsletter is dedicated to highlighting twenty-six (26) AmSkills semi-skilled and skilled Apprentice Candidates and Apprentices that are currently placed working or in the process of being placed at local manufacturers. The AmSkills program started with the first group of high school students in September 2015 participating in the "AmSkills Youth Pre-Apprenticeship." These students took part in a two year program during their high school Junior and Senior years and in 2017 AmSkills started an Adult Pre-Apprenticeship Program. Both of these programs are designed to teach the basic foundational skills needed to start a manufacturing career; as well as introduce candidates to three advanced manufacturing career tracks including Mechatronics, Industrial Maintenance and Machining (CNC).

Many of our youth and young adults do not know what career they want, therefore AmSkills Pre-Apprenticeship programs have been designed to help them explore manufacturing career tracks through 80% hands-on skills training and field trips to local manufacturers. After completing a minimum of 400 hours and after candidates turn 18 years of age (for Youth Pre-Apprentices); AmSkills prepares them for job interviews, secures interviews at multiple companies that are determined to be the best fit for both the manufacturer and the candidate; and then prepares the onboarding process by providing Mentor Training to designated manufacturer employees. Upon hiring, an AmSkills Coach is assigned to the candidate during their 90-day "Career Launch Phase" and during their apprenticeship. Not all candidates may be qualified to become an Apprentice Candidate, therefore AmSkills works with those to place them into semi-skilled positions.



Governor Rick Scott posing with new AmSkills Apprentice, Tyler Poulin at recent BAMA event

ICTC Governing Board Meeting

December 8th 2017

St. Petersburg College

Clearwater Campus

2465 Drew St.

Clearwater, FL 33765

12:30^{pm} - 12:50^{pm}

Lunch & Tour @ Collaborative
Center for Emerging Technologies

1:00^{pm} - 3:00^{pm}

Board Meeting

Check out a few of our graduates from AmSkills Youth & Adult Pre-Apprenticeship Program on next pages.

Monthly AmSkills Production Workshops Begin In December

The AmSkills Hands-On Production Workshops have proven to be a great way for high school students, parents, young adults and veterans to learn about the great career opportunities in the Advanced Manufacturing industry as well as complete various "hands-on" projects to experience various career tracks and to learn about Apprenticeship Opportunities. Beginning in December, AmSkills will begin conducting them on a monthly basis, rotating between each County on Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The purpose is to provide an on-going event to educate parents, students, adults and veterans about AmSkills Apprenticeship Opportunities and recruit for upcoming programs. Beginning in December, the Production Workshops will be held in Hernando on the first Monday, Pasco on the 2nd Monday and Pinellas on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Pictures from Recent Events @ AmSkills



Tom Mudano Presentation to
Military Officer Assoc. of America

Dave Apt presents the MOAA Certificate of Appreciation to Tom Mudano



High School Students Learn
About AmSkills During Manf. Day



High School Students Learn
About Machining @ AmSkills



AmSkills Students Volunteering
@ Manf. Assoc. Road Race



Adult Pre-Apprentices Receive Their
400 Hour Certificates



Adult Pre-Apprentices Learn About Manufacturing
Industry from Manufacturing Veteran, Trevor Charlton



AmSkills Apprentices Receiving Mechatronics
Training on Saturday Program

Job Placement Report for Semi-Skilled, Apprentice Candidates, & Apprentices

Hernando County Resident Placements

Justyn Bowes, Apprentice



Completed Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: 2015 – 2017
County Working in: Hernando
Mechatronics: Hired in 2016 by



Antonio Johnson, Apprentice Candidate



Completed Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: 2015 – 2017
County Working in: Hernando
Machining: Hired in 2017 by



Christopher Baker, Apprentice*



Completed Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: 2015 - 2017
County Working in: Pasco
Mechatronics: Hired in 2016
Attending College: PHSC



Justin Tozzi, Apprentice Candidate



Completed Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: 2015 – 2017
County Working in: Pending Placement
Plans to Attend College: PHSC
Mechatronics: Placement In Progress



Jose Acosta, Apprentice Candidate



Completed Adult Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: Winter Session 2017
County Working in: Hillsborough
Machining: Hired in 2017 by



Samuel Gates, Apprentice Candidate



Completed Adult Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: Winter Session 2017
Placement in Progress
Interested in Mechatronics



Robert Perkins, Apprentice Candidate



Completed Adult Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: Winter Session 2017
Mechatronics: Placement in Progress



Justin Park, Semi-Skilled Candidate



Completed Adult Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: Summer 2017
Placement in Progress
Interested in Machining



Pinellas County Resident Placements

Turner Bryan, Apprentice Candidate



Completed Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: 2015 – 2017
County Working in: Pinellas
Attending: Pinellas Technical College
Machining: Hire Pending



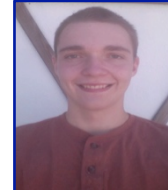
Dean Pulver, Apprentice Candidate



Completed Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: 2015 – 2017
County Working in: Pinellas
Attending: PTC upon Graduation
Machining: Hired in 2015 by



Zachary Smith, Apprentice Candidate



Completed Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: 2015 - 2017
County Working in: Pasco
Attending: PTC in Future
Machining: Hired in 2017 by



Jo-Rahn Paine, Apprentice*



Completed Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: 2015 – 2017
County Working in: Pinellas
Attending: St. Petersburg College
Mechatronics: Hired in 2017 by



Will Rechkemer, Semi-Skilled Placement



Completed Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: 2015 – 2017
County Working in: Hillsborough
Attending College in Future
Machining: Hired in 2015 by



Hunter Arseneau, Apprentice Candidate



Completed Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: 2015 - 2017
County Working in: Pinellas
Machining: Hired in 2017 by



Pasco County Resident Placements

AmSkills Adult Pre-Apprenticeship was piloted only in Pasco County to date and will roll out to Hernando and Pinellas Counties in January, 2018.

Robert Llewellyn, Apprentice*

Completed Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: 2015 – 2017
County Working in: Pasco
Attending: PHSC
Mechatronics/Engineering: Hired 2016



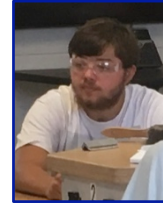
Tyler Gauvin, Apprentice Candidate

Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attending: 2015 - 17
Placement in Progress
Attending: AmSkills Machining



Austin Black, Apprentice Candidate

Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: 2015 - 2017
County Available to Work: Pasco
Attending: AmSkills Machining
Available in January 2018



Nathan Klinnert, Apprentice Candidate

Completed Adult Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: Summer 2017
County Working in: Pasco
Attending: AmSkills Mechatronics
Mechatronics: Hired in 2017 by



Andrew McGaha, Apprentice Candidate

Completed Adult Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: Summer 2017
County Working in: Pasco
Attending: AmSkills Machining
Machining: Hired in 2017 by



Jeric Llegan, Apprentice Candidate

Completed Adult Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: Summer 2017
County Working in: Pasco
Machining: Pending Hire in 2017 by



Louis Pinkston, Semi-Skilled Candidate

Completed Adult Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: Summer 2017
Placement in Progress

Interested in Machining



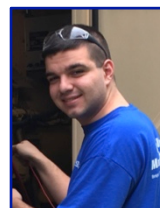
Tyler Poulin, Apprentice

Completed Adult Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: Summer 2017
County Working in: Hillsborough
Attending: AmSkills Machining
Machining: Hired in 2017 by



Nicholas DeSantis, Apprentice Candidate

Completed Youth Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: 2015 - 2017
Interested in Mechatronics
Machining: Hired in 2017 by



Drew Bunk, Semi-Skilled Candidate

Completed Adult Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: Summer 2017
Interested in Machining



Nick Palumbo, Apprentice Candidate

Completed Adult Pre-Apprenticeship
Attending: 2016 - 18
County: Pasco

Machining & Mechatronics



Elizabeth Backman, Semi-Skilled Candidate

Completed Adult Pre-Apprenticeship
Attended: Summer 2017
Available for Placement in 2018
Interested in Machining



Congratulations to all AmSkills Pre-Apprentice Graduates and to those who have taken the next step to continue their training through the AmSkills Apprenticeship Program or other educational institutions. Also, thanks to all manufacturers who are working with AmSkills to develop a more formalized Apprenticeship Training Program.