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PRESS RELEASE

PCTI Partners with Manufacturing Initiative

Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – The New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce & Economic Development has teamed up with Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor. The grant entitled, “Machinists and Skilled Workers Manufacturing Program,” has allowed PCTI to open its doors to fourteen candidates interested in CNC Machinist Training. PCTI was chosen as the host for candidates due to the school’s extensive equipment and facilities.

The all day program ran for eight weeks. Upon completion of the 272 hour course, participants have earned OSHA 10 and National Institute of Metalworking Standards (NIMS) Machining Level 1 Measurement and Safety certifications. Manufacturing Instructor, Gary Slawik, guided candidates through the educational process.

As part of the program, students were invited to attend a Career Fair with participating industry partners. On-site interviews were conducted. Candidates also participated in company shadowing initiatives.

At the programs end, all fourteen candidates took part in the CNC Training Program Commencement Ceremony. PCTI Chief School Administrator, Diana C. Lobosco, praised graduates for their willingness to seek out opportunities that enhanced their knowledge of the manufacturing field, saying, “A true craftsman relies on skills learned throughout training. Choose the most promising opportunity and good luck on your career paths.”

Honored guests included Aaron Fichtner, the Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Labor Department; Meredith Aronson, Director of ManufactureNJ Talent Network; Robert Rosa, Chief Operations Officer of the NJ Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development; and Gary Slawik, Instructor and owner of E.R. Slawik & Sons.

PCTI Program Supervisor Sal Gambino and Program Coordinator Mark Cacace conducted the presentation of certificates. Each graduate received a tool box that would aid their futures in the industry.

A special thanks to all those who made the manufacturing initiative a resounding success! Congratulations to the following CNC Program Graduates: Paul DePretis, Stephen DePretis, Kevin

George, James Gregg, Garret Hoogerhyde, Alan Huertas, Al-Tariq Jordan, Dennis McFadden, Jose Miranda, Joseph Moore, Omar Padron, Charles Thompson, Daniel Wogisch, and Janusz Wojcik.



The CNC Machinist Training candidates gather with Manufacturing Instructor Gary Slawik and Business Partner Pete Colantuono of Plastic-O-Matic Industries at Passaic County Technical Institute where the program is being held.



Instructor Gary Slawik assists a candidate in the Manufacturing Classroom at Passaic County Technical Institute.



Gary Slawik, Mark Cacace, Robert Rosa, Diana C. Lobosco, Aaron Fichtner, Sal Gambino, and Meredith Aronson attend the Commencement Ceremony of the Manufacturing Initiative Candidates.



Deputy Commissioner of Labor, Aaron Fichtner with two graduates of the Manufacturing Initiative.