



Kennametal Helps Build Manufacturing Workforce for the Future

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LATROBE, Pa., Sept. 13, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Kennametal Inc. announced today that it will embark on a pilot program at its world headquarters to help attract young students into engineering and manufacturing careers, helping to build the manufacturing workforce of tomorrow.

The initiative, *The Young Engineers Program*, will begin in September 2011 in conjunction with Greater Latrobe School District. Fifteen high school juniors and seniors are enrolled in the 15-week program at Kennametal's state-of-the-art technology center in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, which includes a combination of classroom discussions, hands-on projects, and mentoring led by Kennametal's world-class research, development and engineering team.

"As manufacturers, we have a responsibility to educate our young people about the exciting career opportunities in our industry and help build the manufacturing workforce of the future," commented Kennametal Chairman, President and CEO, Carlos Cardoso. "Our goal with *The Young Engineers Program* is to provide the opportunity for exploration and discovery about the great jobs in manufacturing and engineering, and in the process find the next Philip McKenna – Kennametal's founder."

Designed to showcase engineering careers and modern manufacturing through experience, the program is one of many education and training programs already in place across the company's global operations. A similar program in conjunction with Kennametal's Solon, Ohio, facility and Auburn Career Center (serving Lake and Geauga Counties), affords students hands-on training with Kennametal equipment combined with classroom instruction and aims to provide the beginner with the skills necessary for an entry-level job in manufacturing.

These programs are supported by the Kennametal Foundation's Tech Ed Net program, which supports secondary and post-secondary technical education opportunities globally for engineering and manufacturing students, focused on attracting more young people to careers in the industry.

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