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INTERNSHIPS

CELEBRATE NIMS CAMPUS VISIT



August 18 and 19 were exciting days here on the Richland campus. We were finally ready for our “NIMS Kickoff” featuring Ms. Melanie Stover, Director of Strategic Initiatives for the National Institute for Metalworking Skills, Inc. (NIMS). Both days were quite successful.

Ms. Stover and Brian Fleming, Lead Faculty, Advanced Manufacturing, spent the morning of day one presenting NIMS to campus administrators and the TAACCCT Team. The afternoon was filled with planning NIMS 1 and 2 certification processes for both students and area instructors.



Day two was set aside for the Employer Advisory Committee (EAC), other industry leaders and employers, high school teachers, advisors and principals, veterans' representatives, and other parties needed to make this TAACCCT funded program a success.

Participants listened attentively as Ms. Stover gave a general overview of NIMS and its impact on Richland College and the manufacturing industry, both today and in the future. She further explained the differences between accreditation (for the campus) and certification (for students).

This initial visit was great! But there is still a lot of work to be done – specifically, Richland has to undergo and successfully pass an audit for NIMS accreditation. A notice will be sent when this is done in early 2016.

In the meantime, we would like to extend a warm "Thank You!" to all attendees with special thanks to Ms. Jenny McDonald, Associate Editor/Vice President of the *Manufacturing News* and our own photographer, Keenan Cobb, Marketing Information Specialist, for covering this event.



Rutger's Campus Visit

INTRODUCING OUR THIRD PARTY EVALUATOR

As previously noted, August 18 was a day filled with excitement. In addition to having the NIMS Kickoff, TAACCCT Team members also had an initial visit with Michelle Van Noy, PhD, Associate Director of the Education and Employment Research Center at Rutgers University.

As a recipient of the TAACCCT grant, Richland must have a third party evaluator for the successful completion of the program. Dr. Van Noy and Sara Haviland, PhD, Senior Research Analyst will attend the September 16 EAC luncheon.

The primary function of a third party evaluator is to assess the impact of our TAACCCT-funded activities on students and the level of evidence of effectiveness the evaluation is likely to produce for the Department of Labor and the advanced manufacturing and electronic technology industry fields.



Update

KINGSLEY TOOLS DISPLACED WORKERS

Last quarter, Martha Hogan received approval from our TAACCCT grant federal program officer to provide continuing education classes for the people laid off by Kingsley Tools in Garland. Faculty member, Dan Dao announced the Engineering Technology Precision Machinist NIMS program on his live Vietnamese radio broadcast. The response was great!

Brian Fleming presented and Dan Dao interpreted program details to 21 potential students on August 11. On August 24, a follow-up meeting was held for 25 total participants, 12 of whom were first time attendees. Continuing education curriculum development has been underway and classes are scheduled to begin mid-October 2015.

Welcome

Simona Farcasiu, joined Richland College as Electronics faculty in the Fall of 2015, holds a master's degree in Electrical Engineering and a master's degree in Learning Technology. Prior to joining Richland College she taught at Northlake College and developed courseware at the LeCroy Center for Educational Technology.



She taught a variety of courses at ITT Technical Institute, where she also served as Dean of Academic Affairs. Simona Farcasiu worked as an Engineer in the Telecommunications industry designing automated Test Equipment before moving in the academic environment. She serves on the advisory board at ITT Technical Institute and is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Save the Dates!

4TH QUARTER TAACCCT EAC LUNCHEON

*It's Not
Too Late
to RSVP*

Date: September 16, 2015

Time: 11:30A – 1:00P

Location: Crockett Hall
Brazos Gallery
Room C140

DeborahDoss@dcccd.edu by Friday, September 11, 2015

**Our next TAACCCT
Employer Advisory Committee
meeting will be for the
1st Quarter of Year 2
VIA CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, December 16, 2015.**



You are cordially invited to celebrate the

Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Richland Campus
Advanced Manufacturing and Electronic Technology
Laboratories and Classrooms

Wichita Hall
Thursday – February 4, 2016
3 – 4:30 PM



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