

Michelin Manufacturing Scholars Program: Designing Tomorrow's Workforce, Today



Mr. Bib (left) joins announcement ceremony of Michelin North America Manufacturing Scholars Program along with Melanie McLane (middle), facility personnel manager at Michelin, and Tri-County President Ronnie L. Booth.

Tri-County Technical College (TCTC) and Michelin North America are launching a pilot Manufacturing Scholars Program designed to build and grow a highly skilled workforce.

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“We are excited to launch our pilot of the Michelin Manufacturing Scholar program alongside our Tri-County Technical College partners,” said Melanie McLane, facility personnel manager for Michelin’s manufacturing facilities in Anderson County.

The new program is designed for entry-level manufacturing professionals and is a pathway leading to manufacturing careers with Michelin North America. The

one-semester program is completely customized to meet the needs Michelin has for qualified entry-level manufacturing professionals at their two plants in TCTC’s service area. It includes a nine-credit-hour certificate in manufacturing and paid work hours each week at Michelin for hands-on experience. The program will begin Fall 2017.

“It is about broadening the concept of our current Michelin Technical Scholar program - expanding it by doing something new and different for manufacturing professionals while building our community and ensuring our growth,” explained McLane.

“Michelin’s ambition is to establish similar programs at other technical colleges in proximity to our sites around the state,” she added. “The expansion and further deployment potential have been a part of the overall vision as we have worked to create a program that is sustainable and expandable.”

As for the long term prospects of the program, McLane said, “Ultimately, we have a simple goal: we want to develop the workforce of the future.”