

Community Commitment: Toyota Hires Local Grads from Advanced Manufacturing Technician Program

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SAN ANTONIO (May 19, 2015) – Two years ago Toyota Texas and Alamo Colleges invested in Bexar County's future workforce. Today that collaboration started to pay big dividends.

Nine recent graduates of the first Advanced Manufacturing Technician (AMT) program are becoming full-time Toyota Texas team members.

"The graduates' incredible efforts, excellent teamwork and dedication to continuous improvement impressed everyone at Toyota, so we extended full-time job offers to all nine graduates who applied," said Joe DaRosa, president of Toyota Texas. "Our partnership with Alamo Colleges demonstrates that when good ideas are shared, great things can happen, and we're thrilled that these fine young graduates will join our team."

Designed and implemented by Toyota and Alamo Colleges in 2013, the AMT program is an innovative manufacturing degree that combines classroom instruction and paid, hands-on experience at world-class manufacturing facilities. Toyota has partnered with local community colleges and area manufacturers to establish AMT programs in eight states. More than 100 students currently participate.

"Our congratulations to these graduates and their families on reaching this milestone on the way to a bright future," said Alamo Colleges Chancellor Dr. Bruce Leslie. "It is always so rewarding for us to see the culmination of partnerships such as the this one, and we are deeply grateful to Toyota Texas for helping us to create such an outstanding opportunity for these students and many more to come," he added.

With successful completion of AMT program, these new hires have the potential to earn as much as \$50,000 annually, plus benefits.

"I want to congratulate Toyota Texas for investing in our future workforce through their Advanced Manufacturing Technician program," said Hope Andrade, the Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing Employers. "I am so proud of the first graduating class for all their hard work and for making this commitment to high-demand skills training that will forever change their lives."

Toyota Texas employs 2,900 team members and assembles the Tundra and Tacoma for North America. Cumulative investment at the plant is \$2.3 billion and produces more than 200,000 trucks annually.