

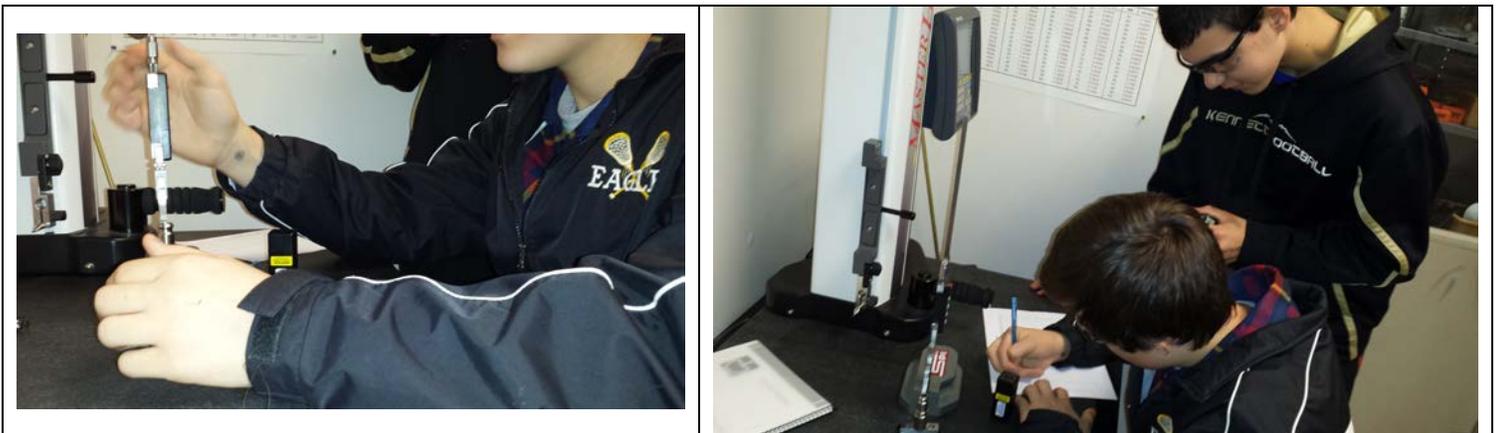
## January 2016

### Director's Report

#### *Machine Tool Students Earn NASA Stamp of Approval*

In mid-December sixteen students in the advanced machine tool class, along with teacher, Andy Shaw, were joined virtually by Florence Gold, Implementation Project Manager for NASA HUNCH and Rob Thate of the Goddard Space Flight Center for a webinar training on Quality Assurance. The training covered the details of the inspection and documentation process for Class 1 E Flight Hardware.

“Class 1 E flight Hardware is experimental hardware.” explained Ms. Gold, “Most people don’t get that far and you are already there as students!” She told the kids at the end of the training. “Put this on your resume and your college applications, you are NASA contractors.”



NASA contractors, James Kelemen and Cole Schoonover inspect parts before giving their stamp of approval.

#### *Student Recognition*

##### *MWVCTC Student Spotlight*

The Career/Tech staff recently revamped a student recognition model into our new student spotlight. The Mount Washington Valley Career and Technical Center Student Spotlight recognizes students for achievement in Career & Technical Education programs. The goal of this program is to promote the achievement of students in the center while raising the level of technical and academic rigor in CT programs. Students will be featured on the website, bulletin board and a press release will be issued. This month's Student Spotlight features:

“Excellence in America’s Workforce Begins with Excellence in Workforce Education”



**Bryan Baker**  
Automotive Technology



**Ryan Stevens**  
Machine Tool  
Technology



**Maggie Albert**  
Culinary Arts



**Emily Wentworth-  
McGonagle**  
Child & Education  
Studies

### *Center Initiatives*

#### **Student Work Ethic:**

As a result of our work on student work ethic the Center is investigating changes to grading and assessment practices that will better clarify for stakeholders performance in the area of employability skills. The expected outcome is that students will be better able to self-evaluate their progress and set goals for improvement. The primary recommended changes at this time are:

1. Separating employability skills (including work ethic) assessment from technical skills assessment.
2. Implementing performance review conferencing to mimic workplace annual job performance reviews.
3. Revising the current work ethic rubric to more clearly communicate expectations.

The end result will be a student-informed competency based assessment system sharing much in common with the current standards based grading at the elementary level.

#### **CTSO's**

Our Career & Technical Student Organizations are off to a great start this year! Students have been working with instructors after school to learn and practice new skills. Each program has a CTSO and each CTSO participates in an annual competition with students from programs at other technical centers. This year's competitions will be held from February through March and our teams are gearing up for the challenge!

#### **Upcoming Events**

Mineral Springs Cafe is open for business! Please come by for lunch. We are open Monday – Thursday 11:00-12:30. Every Thursday is Buffet!

#### **Upcoming Buffet Themes**

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