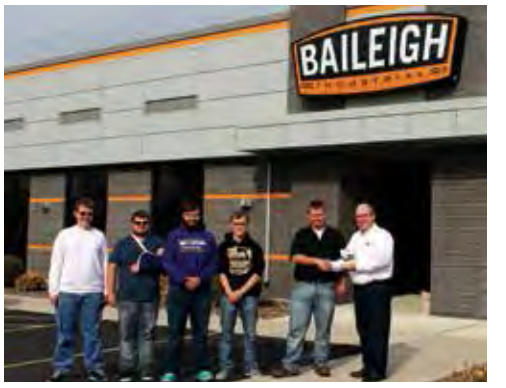
Wisconsin Fabricating Equipment Company Helps Local High School Obtain Valuable Manufacturing Video Series



Justin Casper, a technology education teacher at Two Rivers High School in Wisconsin, knows his Metals 1 and 2 courses on print reading, drafting, welding, sheet metal, casting, sheet metal forming, and machine shop, aren't just your typical high school classes. These programs are a dire necessity for a resurging manufacturing industry that continues to struggle to fill hundreds of thousands of skilled labor job openings and whose employers increasingly are looking to high schools and community colleges to solve their future labor shortage problem.

But as a public educator, Casper found himself in a usual dilemma – a lack of funding to obtain the high quality, technological learning resources needed to enhance his curriculum and prepare his students for careers in manufacturing. Turning to Tooling U-SME, producers of the industry-leading Fundamental Manufacturing Processes video series, Casper got the support he needed when Tooling U-SME was able to connect him to Baileigh Industrial — a local metal fabrication and woodworking machinery equipment company in Manitowac, WI who was more than happy to purchase the entire video series (all 44 in-depth programs showing examples and applications of key manufacturing technologies and processes) for the high school program.

"Over the years, Baileigh Industrial has shown its commitment to the community in various ways," said Steve Wronkowski, General Manager of Baileigh Industrial, Inc. "One extremely important way is by supporting local education and future talent development for the manufacturing

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industry. We look at this as an investment in the next generation of manufacturing on which companies all over the world will depend."

Baileigh Industrial, a designer and manufacturer of industrial metalworking and woodworking machinery since 1999, is now going on its 9th year as an exhibitor at FABTECH (Booth S1780).

"Progress happens when you leverage investment in technology and people within the manufacturing community," said Jeannine Kunz, SME's Director of Learning and Development. "As we build the capabilities of both today and tomorrow's workforce, and help educators and employers collaborate to develop the next generation workforce, we take pride in being a catalyst within manufacturing to drive meaningful economic growth and bridge that interaction."

Headquartered in Wisconsin, Baileigh Industrial also has equipment showrooms in California, Germany, UK and Australia. The company has invited Casper and students from his classes to visit and tour their Manitowac facility to see the exciting technology and careers inherent in manufacturing today. ■