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Haywood Community College Workforce Continuing Education completed the first Career Pathway in Advanced Manufacturing class. This class provides students with skills for employment that consist of strategies for successful employment and long-term job retention and was developed in partnership with Haywood County Manufacturers, Southwestern Workforce Development Board, NCWorks Career Center and Southwestern Commission.

Students completing this pathway are introduced to local manufacturers including facility tours. Participants learn skills that are highly valued by employers such as safety, computer technology, quality and nationally recognized manufacturing credentials. This five-week course leads to industry recognized certifications including Working Smart, Occupational Safety and Health Administration 10 Hour, Microsoft Digital Literacy, Career Readiness Certification and Region A Advanced Manufacturing Certificate.

Student Crystal Greenarch worked in manufacturing for 10 years before taking a break from the working world. She saw this pathway as the first step to get back in the field. Greenarch attended the classes with her son and daughter. "This takes a few weeks of your time and what you get out of it can come in handy for any job. It's also a way to build your resume. I see it as a good opportunity for my kids to figure out a career path."

For more information about HCC's Workforce Continuing Education Career Pathway in Advanced Manufacturing, please call 828- 564-5128 or email [hcc-wce@haywood.edu](mailto:hcc-wce@haywood.edu).



Photo by Jessy Duque. Pictured left to right front row are students who completed the Career Pathway in Advanced Manufacturing class through HCC's Workforce Continuing Education program: Crystal Greenarch and Emily Greenarch. Back row pictured left to right are James Cooper, HCC Computer-Integrated Machining instructor Doug Cabe and Thomas Greenarch.

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