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Inaugural Rivers East Advance Manufacturing Academy Takes Place

Washington, N.C. – The inaugural Rivers East Advanced Manufacturing Academy took place at Pitt Community College on Friday, September 23rd.

On Friday, high school teachers from the county school systems in Beaufort, Bertie, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, and Pitt Counties met at Pitt Community College to learn more about Advanced Manufacturing careers available to their students. The teachers explored the Electrical Systems Technology, Industrial Systems Technology, and Welding programs available at Pitt Community College.

The teachers also sat in on a Shop Talk livestream moderated by Trey Goodson of NC East Alliance featuring representatives from five local companies and the NC Biotechnology Center: Jack A. Farrior Steelworks, Fuji Silysia, Gregory Poole, Grady-White Boats, and Hyster-Yale. During this livestream panel, the teachers heard the needs of local employers firsthand.

There are three additional sessions scheduled to take place: October 21st at Beaufort County Community College, November 18th at Martin Community College, and December 9th at Roanoke-Chowan Community College. Once the teachers successfully complete the Academy, they are eligible for a \$1,000 stipend and the opportunity to complete an onsite externship with a local employer.

The board's office is located at 1502 N. Market St., Suite A in Washington. For more information, call (252) 974-1815.

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