

Labor Secretary Perez Espouses RevUp Montana



Meeting with Secretary Perez left to right: President Royce Engstrom, Secretary Perez, Lieutenant Governor Angela McLean, Labor Secretary Pam Bucy & RevUp Project Manager Matt Springer

Federal Department of Labor Secretary Perez visited Missoula in October 2015 for a conference on Defining a 21st Century Education For a Vibrant Democracy.

Quoting Secretary Perez: "RevUp Montana has 13 participating colleges across the state and many courses available online. It's designed to reach more students in rural areas — meeting them where they are and expanding their educational horizons."

We are thankful for Secretary Perez's support of our project. The goal is to continue to offer students the best training, staff support and job placement that are possible through our varied resources at Helena College.

A link to the entire text of this presentation follows: <http://www.dol.gov/newsroom/speech/20151027>

Helena College Moves Forward With Fanuc Certs



Helena College is now offering Fanuc controller certifications to its students. This is the result of purchasing three Doosan machines with Fanuc controllers, in addition to our CAM faculty member Matt Moyer becoming an approved Fanuc instructor. This means that our students are gaining an industry recognized credential honing their skills via simulation and hands on experience. For more information, check out this link:

<http://www.fanucamerica.com/FanucAmerica-news/press-releases/PressReleaseDetails.aspx?id=30>

Handiwork from Helena College Welding



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The Thrill of a New Doosan Mill



Graduating Student Greg Matteucci with the New Mill

Helena College has expanded their Fanuc controlled CAM program with the addition of a new Doosan DNM 400. Students are excited about the purchase for a number of reasons: the Fanuc interface and multiple off-sets make the machine very robust and durable. Combined with the Haas machines already in place, the Doosan is a great compliment to expand the students' knowledge base. As the result of three Doosan machines being on site, the students will increase their marketability to secure employment for higher wages. More specifically, local employers Boeing and Pioneer are utilizing these machines for their production, so now that our students have hands on experience with the Doosan machines, they have the upper hand in securing employment and higher wages in comparison with their counterparts for other institutions.

Instructor John McLaughlin



John McLaughlin is the new machine shop instructor for Helena College, and has been actively working in the trade since 1994. Prior to moving to Helena, John was a full-time professor teaching machine shop and gunsmithing metalwork at Trinidad State Junior College for six years. While at TSJC, he developed the new curriculum currently being taught. After obtaining a gunsmithing degree, John started his own business in 1998 in Butte, MT, which is currently operating as McLaughlin Firearms. John currently specializes in precision machining long range rifles. Helena College is excited to have John onboard and we are optimistic that the evening machining program will continue to be in demand.

Helena RevUp MT Meets Goals-Under Budget

Thanks to the fantastic efforts by the RevUp MT team at Helena College, the project has nearly reached our contracted numbers and is going to continue its efforts to impact even more students and "over deliver". The RevUp MT staff looks forward to empowering our students to be as successful as possible via hybrid instruction, utilizing the most up to date equipment, and adding robotics and Fanuc interface certifications. Helena College was one of only six colleges in the 13 college consortium to meet both participant requirements and stay within budget. In fact, we were within 2% of our budget as of the quarter ending 12/31/2015!

Kudos to our instructors Amy Kong, Cody Torres, John McLaughlin and Steve Felter. Thanks to Dan Dobyys for his great work as the workforce navigator for his recruiting and case management, as well as Rick Dendinger for keeping close watch over the budget and getting all the reporting and audit requirements in



order. Additional credit goes to the wonderful support staff at Helena College that leveraged our work to make this project a success!



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Joyce Walborn attended the National Math Summit, an opportunity to hear from the nation's leaders in developmental mathematics. While at the summit, Joyce was paired with a mentor who provided guidance on issues relevant to Helena College such as designing math sequences and providing supplemental support for students in co-requisite courses. Other topics of particular interest included using research to make informed decisions for change, a method that can be applied to all areas of Helena College. Above all, Joyce enjoyed meeting with colleagues from across the country, sharing ideas and learning from others.

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