On February 13, 2015, PTI sponsored the first Career Orientation Program in conjunction with Passaic County Technical Institute. Fifteen High School students interested in careers in Engineering Injection Molding of Plastics and Metals attended the meeting that included, Mr. Cacace and NJMEP (New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program) representative, Mike Bani.

The program began with Neal Goldenberg, company President, presenting a brief history of PTI to the students. Neal then introduced his father Mel Goldenberg, company founder and Chief Technology Officer of Polymer Technologies to the students. Mel continued the lecture on the injection molding process and the different plastic materials used, giving the students an in-depth presentation of the company’s day to day operation. Neal then provided a brief discussion on PTI’s Metal Injection Molding process and some of the economics and challenges associated with being a manufacturer in the United States, and specifically New Jersey. The students were surprised to learn that one of the biggest obstacles PTI faced was availability of a skilled workforce.

After the presentation, the students were invited to tour the 150,000 square foot production facility which included the injection molding department, tool & die machine shop, Quality Control area, and MIM (Metal Injection Molding) sintering department . Afterwards the students returned to the conference room where a luncheon was provided and a Question and Answer session was held where the students learned more about the many career paths available at a company like PTI. Additionally, they were made aware of the two (2) summer internship positions which PTI makes available each year to college and high school students and were encouraged to apply. Over the years, many internships have resulted in full-time job offers to interns after they have completed their engineering degrees.

Mark Cacace, PCTI Careers Coordinator stated “This hands-on Shadowing approach is a great tool for students to use in developing an informed career decision.”

PTI is proud to support the growth of manufacturing in the State of New Jersey and specifically in helping to train and provide hands-on experience to young students interested in a career in manufacturing and/or engineering. Consequently, PTI is looking forward to a continued partnership with PCTI and other Vocational and Technical high schools which are creating the next generation of manufacturing employees and executives.

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