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STUDENTS EXPLORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT NUCLEAR INDUSTRY SUPPLIER/MANUFACTURER

KERNERSVILLE, N.C., February 22, 2016 - According to a group of high school students from the Cannon School in Concord, North Carolina, it's never too early to begin learning about potential career options, and a visit to Columbiana Hi Tech, LLC, (CHT) a manufacturer for the nuclear industry, provided just such an experience. The students reached out to CHT to inquire about touring the fabrication facility after learning about the company from a family member of one of the students and Joe Faldowski, President of CHT, was eager to oblige. CHT fabricates products and equipment for the nuclear industry in a 100,000 square foot welding facility and central machine shop.

"We take every opportunity to educate the public on the nuclear industry and our unique place and contribution within that environment toward keeping nuclear power safe, environmentally friendly, and sustainable," said Faldowski. "We always need highly-qualified employees, so anytime I have a chance to plant a seed in the mind of an interested student, I will take it!"

While touring the plant, the students learned about the importance of planning and project management and the focus on and commitment to quality control. The students were impressed with the level of education and knowledge required to fill the jobs being performed at CHT.

"Today's students are very aware of the value of a good job," said Chris White, Director of Sales, "and they were surprised and excited to learn of the earning potential and job security of welders and project managers." The students noted that their favorite part of the visit was the tour of the plant and demonstrations of the intricate equipment, including state-of-the-art robotic welders.

MORE ABOUT

Columbiana Hi Tech (CHT) is a subsidiary of AREVA TN and is a leading manufacturer of a wide range of custom fabricated products and equipment for the nuclear industry where precision welding and machining is required. Specializing in nuclear material packaging, CHT is the largest manufacturer of front-end radioactive packaging and a proven fabricator of products for safe transport and storage of used nuclear fuel.

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