

MCTI CABINETMAKING/MILLWORK PROGRAM PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR PARTNERS

January 23rd and 24th, Woodworking educators and industry professionals attended an Introductory Alphacam® training class hosted by Michigan Career & Technical Institute's (MCTI) Cabinetmaking/Millwork Training Program in conjunction with Planit Solutions, Inc. The purpose of the class was to develop competency in the use of Alphacam®, a CAD/CAM program very popular in the wood, plastic and stone machining industries. The class was taught by Jim Wellever, Department Head of the Cabinetmaking/Millwork program at MCTI.

Don Bigelow, of Planit Solutions also attended and answered questions regarding machine/software integration. "It is a pleasure to work with dedicated, enthusiastic people who recognize the importance of providing opportunities for students to be exposed to highly technical aspects of manufacturing," stated Bigelow.



Jim Wellever discusses tooling considerations.



MCTI student, Andrew Brewis demonstrates the CNC router

Don also brought great news to the teachers, unveiling Planit Solutions' offer to provide the attending schools with software and support that will enable them to enhance their students understanding of the latest in CAD/CAM and CNC technology

In attendance were instructors from Western Michigan Christian High School in Muskegon, Maple Valley High School in Vermontville, Kent Career & Technical Center in Grand Rapids, Madison Area Technical College in Madison, WI, and MCTI.

Available space was offered to MCTI's industry partners and even at short notice, several attended, including representatives from E Leet Woodworking in Plainwell, MI, and Select Veneer & Panel in Smithfield KY. Wellever added "The industry professionals in attendance added diversity and an opportunity for input from an employer's perspective."

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