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Manufacturing training center at Weston High School helps students reach their career goals

ARLINGTON- The Advanced Manufacturing Training and Education Center (AMTEC) at Weston High School opened its doors this summer and students are already benefitting from the program. The AMTEC site at Weston is a partnership between Everett Community College, the city of Arlington and Arlington Public Schools. The program provides a pathway to jobs in the manufacturing industry. An open house was held at the site on Oct. 13.

Adam Gott, a recent high school graduate, is now an assistant instructor at AMTEC. He shows students how to safely operate a lathe, drill press and a Computer Numeric Control (CNC) machine. Once students complete the program, they can earn an associate in technical arts degree.

“Once they learn the skills and earn the degree, it’s much easier to become a machine operator and potentially work in the aerospace industry,” said Gott. “This is where the jobs are at.”

While in high school, Gott toured different places like the Sno-Isle Tech Skills Center in Everett to see what career he wanted to pursue. Will Nelson, Weston High School Principal, said it’s great having AMTEC housed at Weston because it shows students some different career options. He also said it’s important for students to have a goal. Every two weeks, a guest speaker visits the school to talk about different career paths.

“Ninety percent of our students say they don’t know what their plans are when they start at Weston,” said Nelson. “I meet with every student, and me and my staff help them decide what path they’d like to take.”

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Adam Gott, a recent high school graduate and an assistant instructor at the AMTEC manufacturing center, teaches a student how to use a press. The AMTEC site at Weston is a partnership between Everett Community College, the city of Arlington and Arlington Public Schools.