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Next Generation Manufacturing

HARTFORD — Eleven Connecticut high school and community college teachers are spending the summer working at manufacturing companies throughout the state. The teachers are participating in a CBIA/Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing externship program that immerses them in a high-tech workplace. Their mission is to see firsthand how math and science solve real-world problems in manufacturing and engineer-

ing and the exciting career opportunities available to their students.

The goal of the externship program is for teachers to return to the classroom with a deeper understanding of workplace technology and its connection to classroom instruction — and to pass that knowledge on to students. The 160-hour program, which runs from June through September, focuses on advanced technologies used in manufacturing.

Participating teachers were selected for their commitment to learning about technological advances in the workplace. The community college teachers will focus on lean manufacturing and supply chain management to prepare them to teach these types of courses. The local teacher participating in externships is Bonnie Brush of Vinal Technical High School, Middletown, a resident of Ellington, at Kamatics Corp., Windsor.