

Advanced manufacturing program graduates 56

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PITTSFIELD – Despite interruptions because of the COVID-19 pandemic, 56 trainees completed their training as part of the Berkshire Advanced Manufacturing Program, according to the MassHire Berkshire Workforce Board.



Twenty one unemployed/underemployed participants received certificates of completion for their participation in Introduction to Basic Advanced Manufacturing Skills Training (120 hours) held at Taconic High School in Pittsfield and McCann Technical School in North Adams. Six trainees completed training in MIG and TIG Welding (95 hours) at McCann.

Additionally, 17 individuals participated in a one-day hoisting training, which prepared them to take the state licensure exams in 1A and 3C hoisting. Unemployed and underemployed individuals, as well as incumbent workers from Berkshire employers, took advantage of this training.

As part of the grant funding, the Berkshire Workforce Board was able to offer 12 on-the-job training financial assistance to area manufacturers.



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