

# Passaic County Technical Institute

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## PCTI Receives Praise for Outstanding Manufacturing Program

**Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – The Manufacturing Technology Program at Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) is getting some much deserved attention. It’s being hailed as a model training facility for students aiming to enter the Manufacturing, Welding, and Pre-Engineering fields by setting a sturdy foundation for students seeking jobs in their chosen professions after graduation.

When touring the school and witnessing students in action, key professionals stressed the program’s ability to train a future workforce that mirrors the goals laid by the Career and Technical Education Program (CTE). These visitors were Dr. Pourkay Forouza of Rowan University; Jim Simonsen from Essex County Vocational school; Keith Secrest, Worker Investment Board member of Mercer County; and Dr. Meredith Aronson, Director of Manufacture NJ – an Advanced Manufacturing Talent Network at NJIT.

The unique program addresses the following concerns – industry demand, developing a streamline career plan for today’s students, and partnerships between community colleges, post-secondary education/union training facilities, and universities. This approach to the trades results in well-rounded individuals capable of working with new technology and processes in the Manufacturing field, giving PCTI students a competitive edge over other prospective employees.



**Photo Caption:** PCTI Supervisor of Instruction, Sal Gambino and School to Careers Advisor, Mark Cacace, welcomed visitors of the Manufacturing Technology Program.