



ATECH ADVANTAGE REPORT

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BEST WISHES TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024!



Appleton Technical Academy (ATECH) students are about to wrap up another school year. We are happy to graduate another class of seniors. Many are poised to pursue their passions starting out in full time careers in manufacturing or related fields; others are heading off to a technical college or a 4 year college to pursue additional education; and we have one who plans to join the military to serve our country. Whatever their path, we wish all of our ATECH graduates well and congratulate them on earning their diploma.

CROSSING THE FINISH LINE FOR THE FIRST TIME!



ATECH and West students traveled to the Road America Track in Elkhart Lake to participate in our first High School Formula 1 Race Car experience on May 13 and May 14. The students rallied together to get the car ready for the track, and we were able to get our student drivers around their short track without incident. We learned a lot about the entire experience, what to expect, and most importantly what we need to do moving forward to provide a successful and rewarding experience for students. ATECH students will have a lot of work to do during the 2024-25 school year: we need to modify our current car, and we need to complete the build for our second car which exists as just a frame currently. Future plans include adding additional cars to the fleet, one by one, year by year, to grow the number of students who can participate in this unique experience.





Cars start out as raw steel, an engine, and a box of parts. The students are responsible for the entire build, and cars are built essentially from scratch.

Students learn about and are responsible for fabricating the frame, the drivetrain, steering, suspension, braking, and the electrical system.

In order to be able to ensure our program is successful, it will require support from generous sponsors who have yet to be identified. If you are interested in becoming a technical mentor or financial sponsor, please contact me and we can discuss how you can get involved with the race team.



AMCOR AND ATECH JOIN FORCES!



AMCOR has generously agreed to sponsor an AMCOR Learning Lab at ATECH to begin in the fall of 2024. The focus of the lab is on providing enhanced abilities for our students to engage in Industry 4.0 curriculum and earn micro certifications through the Smart Automation Certification Alliance (SACA) by utilizing Amatrak Trainers and Fanuc Robots. ATECH will have a lab the first of its kind in our area and in the state as AMCOR has specifically identified the training curriculum that is best suited to prepare ATECH future graduates to enter directly into AMCOR's workforce. Our ATECH students will engage in the learning specific to AMCOR's needs to fill future highly skilled technical positions throughout AMCOR.



ATECH is committed to meeting the needs of our business and industry partners in the best way possible. The AMCOR Lab demonstrates another way that ATECH students engage in cutting edge technology and training and are able to seamlessly transition into the workforce.

If you would like more information about the new AMCOR Lab or would like to get involved, please contact me.



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