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Dear Parents and Students,

My name is David W. Hockenberry, and I am excited to welcome you to the 2026–2027 school year in the Advanced Manufacturing and Robotics Technology (AMART) Program at Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School. I feel privileged to be part of such a forward-thinking and professional educational community, and I look forward to a successful year filled with growth, hands-on learning, and real-world skill development.

With a strong passion for education, manufacturing, robotics, and skilled trades, I am committed to creating an engaging, supportive, and interactive classroom environment. My goal is to help each student discover their strengths, build confidence, and develop the technical and professional skills necessary for success in today's workforce.

While the program remains grounded in precision machining, our core discipline, we continue to expand opportunities in robotics, automation, CNC programming, additive manufacturing, and engineering design. These experiences are designed to strengthen employability, problem-solving ability, and career readiness in the rapidly evolving manufacturing industry.

Education is a partnership between students, teachers, administrators, and parents. I encourage open communication and welcome your feedback, questions, or concerns throughout the school year. I am committed to supporting your child not only academically, but also in their personal and professional growth.

To maintain a safe and productive learning environment, students are required to keep cell phones in their lockers during class time. This policy helps ensure student safety while operating equipment, protects the privacy of others, and minimizes distractions. In the event of an emergency, parents may contact the main office at (724) 282-0735. Failure to comply with this policy may result in loss of daily points and disciplinary referral.

Students are required to wear proper attire for the shop environment each day.

- Work boots
- long pants
- Shop uniform shirt: (Ordered at https://www.butlertec.us/family-hub/student-uniforms)
- Safety glasses with side shields are mandatory and will be provided for each student.

I am excited for the opportunities this year will bring and look forward to helping students develop the skills, work ethic, and professionalism needed to succeed in advanced manufacturing and beyond.

Sincerely,

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