

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP - A LINE ITEM IN THE NYS BUDGET



On April 9th, the news broke that our state legislature had landed on a budget for the new fiscal year. It may not have arrived on time as we would have liked, but it was news we were hoping to hear. Here was the evidence that NYS agrees with us: the Manufacturers Intermediary Apprenticeship Program (MIAP) is worth the investment – to the tune of \$1.75 million, an increase over last year of about 133%!

If you're wondering about the impact of this announcement, you should have been on site at Liverpool's 110 Metalworks, where Senator John W. Mannion (D-Geddes) released the news to the press. Mannion stated, "Central New York's roots are in industry, manufacturing, and having the workers that companies need to grow and succeed - this historic \$1.75M workforce investment builds on that heritage. We're funding the best training in the highest-demand industries of the future so Central New York continues to prosper as a magnet for jobs and economic growth." The joy was palpable as we toured the facility with Senator Mannion and MACNY President and CEO, Randy Wolken.

110 Metalworks currently operates two different apprenticeship programs under MACNY's sponsorship and has already graduated employee Corey Nadeau from CNC Machinist apprentice to Journey Worker since the start of MIAP in 2016. The two apprentices that were on-site to meet Senator Mannion and the crew had important things to say about their experiences at 110 Metalworks and in the apprenticeship program. Registered Apprentice, Tyler Dettman, shared a fun fact: he came to the program with two years of post-secondary education at Onondaga Community College under his belt. During that time, he worked in fast food and was the aforementioned Corey Nadeau's Manager! We're sure they were good at flipping burgers, and we're proud to collaborate with them as they launch their advanced manufacturing careers.

Senator Mannion noticed a connection between past and present Central New York with businesses like 110 Metalworks,

their commitment to Registered Apprenticeship, and the opportunities they offer to local job seekers. As he spoke with Registered Apprentice, Irwing Laureano-Torres, originally from Puerto Rico, and with Sanil Alemeic, Apprentice Mentor, and 19-year 110 Metalworks employee, born in Bosnia, the senator recalled his own family's experience in Central New York. Just a few generations ahead of him, his ancestors found good jobs in the Syracuse area, made it a wonderful place to raise families, and sustained the economy. Their story mirrors those of present-day workers who've done the same, with the investment of employers and stakeholders like the New York State legislature and MACNY – all who share the same mission – to enhance the sustainability of advanced manufacturing in New York State.

\$1.75 million is a big deal. With it, we are thrilled to continue this work to grow this program as it offers lucrative careers in high-demand trades and industries across the state.

We welcome the opportunity to speak with you as you consider ways to raise skill levels among your incumbent and entry-level workers. For information on New York State Registered Apprenticeship, contact edonovan@macny.org.