

Process Technology Sector Council

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Arkansas State University Mid-South

Attendees

Buckman

- Shawn King

Coca-Cola

- John Rutherford

GPS Cellulose

- James Barnes

Hershey

- Billy Thomew

Lucite International

- Kevin McDougall

Valero

- Roger Fields

Colleges/Schools

ASU Mid-South

- Charles Hull
- Alex Lamm
- Belinda Looney
- Pete Selden

Shelby County Schools

- Deborah Hester

Southwest Tenn. Comm. College

- Derek Henson
- Lisa Jones
- Charles Miller
- Charles Rogers

Workforce Resources

Greater Memphis Chamber

- Anita Brackin

GMAC Workforce

- John Churchill
- Gerald Joyner
- Laurie Mudd

Workforce Investment Network

- Henry Lewis

Welcome

Pete Selden, Associate Vice Chancellor, welcomed the group to the campus of ASU Mid-South. Selden briefly outlined the Process Technology and

Mechatronics programs and mentioned how there is a lot of crossover of students from the respective programs. He also informed the group of the opportunity for the degree pathways for an Associates' or a Bachelor of Applied Science degrees that exist between ASU Mid-South and the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.

Council Welcome and Introductions

Roger Fields, Council Chair welcomed the group to ASU Mid-South and asked for all attendees to introduce themselves.

Arkansas State University Mid-South Program Update

Alex Lamm, Director of Employer Engagement, stated that 3 of 4 students have recently graduated from the program; Students were placed in Process Tech, Recycling, and Logistics Manufacturing. The wages ranged from \$11-\$18/hour. Lamm displayed a chart that showed the school's expectations for graduating student within their Process Tech program. The aim is to have 10 students in the next quarter and graduate at least 7 of those students—a 70% graduation rate is the goal. Engineering, Logistics, Criminal Justice, and Maintenance are the discipline backgrounds of their current Process Tech students. They work closely with the workforce investment networks, GED programs, and community organizations concerning recruitment for the program. He concluded by stating that he is optimistic about the enrollment, completion, and employment of the university's Process Technology students.

Shelby County Schools Career & Technical Education

Shelby County Schools is putting together a middle school expo with four CTE centers so students/teachers/administrators can observe the types of classes available. SCS would like for industry representatives to be in attendance to connect the pathway from schools to jobs/industry. The model will mimic EU model for Process Technology education and will also focus on soft skills reinforcement.

GMAC Workforce Update/Partner School Update

Members of council discussed creating scholarship(s) for Process Tech students at the respective college partners. Velero wants to contribute as a major industry leader. There will be a job fair at Shelby County Schools so council members/industry can see what CTE is doing within the school system.

ASU Mid-South Workforce and Process Technology Facilities Tour

