

What's in Store for Wood Tech Students after High School?

Here are some real life examples of students who went on to work in the industry:

San Gorgonio High School, San Bernardino, CA

Julio G. graduated and went to work at Caseworx. He was able to skip the company requirement of 4 years on the line before being eligible to go in to the custom shop (a company requirement) because of his skill level.

Matt M. entered the carpenters' union as a year three bridge carpenter apprentice--he was allowed to skip year 1 and 2 because of the training he received in high school.

Shiloh High School, Hume, IL

Dan D. works for a manufacturing company, employing the CAD/CAM skills he learned in high school. He was instrumental in creating a program to run the CNC machine for a locker door. The company made the doors for Firehouse #4 in Sabine Pass, Louisiana, featured on *Extreme Makeover Home Edition: After the Storm*.

John M. went on to Parkland College and helped teach the teacher how to use MasterCAM.

Steven G., Valedictorian, went on to study Industrial Technology.

Emory L., Valedictorian, was part of a design competition that Ford Motor Company put on at the U of Illinois -- his team won. Emory went on to open his own wood technology business and employed his father.

Lee C. worked at Simonton Windows while in school. After he graduated they offered him a supervisor position at the age of 18.

Class Project: The students of Shiloh High were engaged by an industry company to design automated programming for the production of wooden sunglasses, which they successfully completed. (Oprah Winfrey was a customer.)

Lincoln East High, Lincoln, Nebraska

Wally S. Started a custom trim carpentry business specializing in fireplace hearths and mantles.

Ryan C. A woods and automotive program graduate became a member of the pit crew of a major NASCAR racing team.

Jeff B. Went directly to work for Duncan Aviation high end aircraft custom shop in the cabinet field and became a respected member of the multi-national design team.

Josh S. is a furniture and cabinet maker.

Katie P. Runs a construction company with her husband as an equal partner running crews and making bids. She is also a cabinetmaker.

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