News Release

BASF offers practical career experience for local college students

WYANDOTTE, MI, MARCH 15, 2019 – The BASF site in Wyandotte is offering development opportunities in innovative technologies and modern production processes to 12 local college students as part of BASF's college co-op and scholarship programs. The students, from Wayne State University (WSU) and Henry Ford College (HFC), are working at BASF to gain experience in the chemical engineering and maintenance technician fields.

The WSU students attend school full-time in the fall and winter terms majoring in Chemical Engineering. They work as contingent employees 15 to 20 hours a week, completing rotations at various units across the BASF site, while developing a knowledgebase in chemical engineering. In summer, the students will work full-time as contingent employees at BASF.

Nazir Jairazbhoy, a senior at WSU, works in the Wyandotte Resins plant. He said working at BASF has opened him up to the importance of safety standards and engineering troubleshooting.

"My experience here has reaffirmed what I want to do," said Jairazbhoy. "I'm learning more skills that I need to develop before I graduate and finding out what I should add to my toolkit. I have learned a great deal from all of my knowledgeable mentors."

The HFC students are enrolled in the Multi-Skilled Manufacturing Maintenance or

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[Electrical Technology](#) Associates degree programs. They work full-time as contingent employees under the direction of BASF maintenance technicians to develop an industrial maintenance knowledgebase. Students who successfully complete a minimum of two classes per semester with a 3.0 grade point average are reimbursed by BASF for the cost of their tuition, text books and supplies.

Austin Bennie, an HFC Electrical Technology student, works as a technician in the Polyol plant. Knowing he always wanted to take a technical career path, Bennie had already completed four automotive certifications by the time he graduated high school. This scholarship is helping him pursue an education he otherwise would be unable to afford.

"I really look at this scholarship and job as a stepping stone," said Bennie. "I can apply this experience into a potential engineering or business role and build a very successful career. I will always be able to use these skills at a job."

"At BASF, we are designing tomorrow's world," said Greg Pflum, Vice President and General Manager of BASF's Midwest Hub. "Students can gain valuable experience, develop creative ideas, work with state-of-the-art technology and build a network of resources."

The BASF site in Wyandotte is now accepting submissions for maintenance students through their scholarship program. They are also offering technician scholarships to candidates who attend HFC's [Process Technology-Basic](#) certificate program. Interested students should email their resumes to [BASF-Wyandotte-ScholarshipProgram@basf.com](#).

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