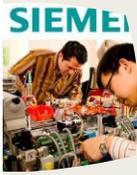




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-Oh no! More spam for your mailbox! Within you will find a few blurbs on things I am aware of. Also some past and upcoming events I hope you find worth your while. Jami

Festo Certifications

Recently Tony Oran paid CPCC a visit. A topic of discussion was their desire to work with our Consortium on implementation of their Mechatronics Certification. The difference with their structure and some others we are involved with is no student fee to take a 3rd party test! As a student completes certain blocks of study, they receive certification. To this end, CPCC will host an open discussion on December 13th starting at 3pm with Tony answering your questions and getting input on implementation! There are many topics to address, as noted in our conversations. Here are a few to think about...

- Process by which a schools course work is qualified.
- Cost for schools to participate.
- History of certification, its current status, US & abroad.
- Relation to SkillsUSA.

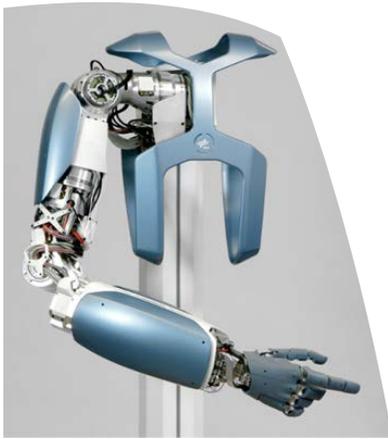
Those wanting to attend, please email me ASAP. BTW you can also ask about any other Festo related topic you like. I will send out schedule of events in the days leading up to the meeting date.



September 25th STA visit

I want to thank those from GTCC and Surry that attended the discussion with Nikki Evans from Siemens Technical Academy (the way we say spell it in the US). Nikki presented the Siemens Program Overview then spent an hour or so answering questions from the attendees. Topics included costs structure, level 3 & training. Afterwards we had a nice box lunch from Panera Bread and spent another hour or so touring and taking shop in the CPCC lab area. Topics included course mapping and educational materials and equipment technical matters. Gaston and CVCC, sorry you couldn't make it hope to see you December 13th.

This would be a good spot for an advert or maybe to let you know I like the robot arm mockup below and to the left so I kept it.



The Questionnaire

Well as promised here is a bit on on the general inquiry email sent out Nov. 1st. It related to CPCC's efforts to quantify the state of Mechatronics in NC. The goal is to identify all the colleges with a program, 4 yr. schools with articulation agreements, which certifications matter to the industries in the Charlotte region, etc. As part of this we want to collect consortium responses, combine with ours and make it available to the group.

To this line of thinking, we are preparing a survey for local companies to see which certifications they recognize. This input allows us to focus on those relevant to employers. With similar info collected by the rest of the consortium, we could ensure that students could be aligned with certifications relevant everywhere in the state, even nationally. Though I asked for input by Nov. 8th, any feedback to the email even now would still be of great use. Currently I only have responses from 3 colleges. I would hope to get more to present a more complete picture across the state. If you would like me to resend you the email, please click my name at the bottom of the page to notify me.

Thanks to those who provided early inputs, those in the meeting were greatly appreciative.

*HEY, HEY, HEY, it ain't Fat Albert!
Its Siemens Lvl 1 in Jan 2013!
Those interested in attending
should contact [Amy Dowdy](#). I am
also sure that [Nikki](#) over the pond at
STA would be happy to help as they
are the ones running that show.*



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[Contact info will appear
here when we decide on it]

Happy Thanksgiving from Charlotte NC! And a Merry Christmas as well, in case I don't clog your email server again before the big Holiday. Regard, Jami Dale. DON'T FORGET the Dec 13th meeting @ CPCC the ATC building.

REGARDS,

[JAMI DALE](#) [CLICK NAME TO EMAIL]

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:
Topic updates & Help
with organization



I am sure there are topics various members stay abreast. In some past emails/minutes are Super CIP, SkillsUSA, companies offering internships or jobs, grant opportunities, all things can be disseminated among the group to keep each other up to date on information or opportunities. They are also items that would keep any web presence and newsletters interesting, up to date and relevant to faculty, industry and students. Please forward me for now any 'news' you would like to distribute in future editions of this newsletter, as I am not overly creative, very funny and generally not that well informed.