

**Kevin Fuller,** Quality Technician Standing with Molly Fender, VP, Human Resources **Monti, Inc.** 



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## From High School to the Workforce:

Meet a Rising Star in Manufacturing

evin Fuller embodies many of the core tenets of the Good Jobs Challenge, and his character and determination are more than welcomed in Ohio's manufacturing industry.

Kevin comes from a diverse background, with a strong aspiration to forge a career path after graduating from North College Hill High School in Cincinnati. While participating in a course his final semester tailored for students opting for immediate entry into the workforce post-graduation, Kevin signed on for a unique opportunity to participate in a two-week advanced manufacturing training boot camp.

"I thought it was a good opportunity since I wasn't going to college right away to get a job," Kevin said. "My plan was to join the workforce for a year and use that money to pursue

my education. I'm very grateful that they came to me and asked if I would be a part of it, and I plan to keep going higher in my career."

## House fire and homelessness pause, but don't deter, completion of training

Kevin's determination to succeed and innate curiosity made him a standout candidate. During the first week of the boot camp, however, his family experienced a devastating house fire that injured his mother and rendered them homeless. Despite this adversity, Kevin persevered and returned to the program after a brief hiatus to assist his mother.

Kevin ultimately completed the program, including earning a digital course credential with SME ToolingU in advanced manufacturing, and received unwavering support from the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative (CYC) and Cincinnati Works.

## **Quality Technician** excels in his role

Presently, he thrives in his role at Monti, Inc., a prominent manufacturer celebrated for its precision machining and fabrication capabilities. He's growing his skills as a Quality



Technician, entrusted with the responsibility of meticulously verifying the quality standards of diverse components that either enter the facility from external vendors or depart as integral parts of larger assemblies.

Kevin collaborates with peers in other departments to review blueprints, audit measurements and inspect components used in the automotive, energy and construction industries.

"There's not a lot of information on manufacturing until you get into a company like this, Kevin said. "It was too much of a great opportunity to miss. With this chance, I knew I could do more with my future."

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