



**Signicast signing.** Front row, from left: New apprentices **Shaw Chmielewski, John Campbell, Shawn Stapleton, Cody Kniess** and **Monte Moser**. Back row, from left: **Liz Pusch**, field service representative, Department of Workforce Development; **Brad Witte**, vice president of facilities and automation/IT; **Teri Green**, director of human resources; **Brian Williams**, director of engineering and quality; **Tom Dottl**, chief financial officer; **Damon Hesse**, vice president of manufacturing for Signicast; **Mike Shiels**, dean of the School of Applied Technologies at WCTC; and **Joshua Johnson**, field operations chief, Department of Workforce Development. Apprentice not pictured: **Alex Neubauer**.



**HellermannTyton signing.** Front row, from left: New apprentices **Josh Schrammel, Eric Grzesk, Jacob Werner, Brad Hanson** and **Marc Savatski**. Back row, from left: **Dave Tomashek**, vice president of operations; **Curt Rice**, director of automation; **Cody Alf**, coordinator of training and development; **Terry Tuttle**, president; **Danny Sheeran**, training department supervisor; **Kevin Paske**, tool room lead and mold maintenance coordinator; HellermannTyton; **Bob Novak**, associate dean of WCTC; **Liz Pusch**, field service representative; and **Joshua Johnson**, field operations chief, Department of Workforce Development. Apprentices not pictured: **Herpao Vang, Justin Robb, Rob Ekstrand**.

## WCTC launches new Mechatronics apprenticeship program

PEWAUKEE — Waukesha County Technical College officially launched its 11th apprenticeship program — Mechatronics — on Jan. 22.

According to a press release, two signing events were held the week of Jan. 15 to welcome six new apprentices from Signicast, a state-of-the-art investment castings manufacturer, and eight new apprentices from HellermannTyton, a leader in cable management and protection products, identification systems and network connectivity solutions.

The 24-credit Mechatronics Apprenticeship (robotics and automation) is a five-year training program of no less than 10,000 hours, including 864 hours of related technical instruction at WCTC.

Mechatronics requires combined knowledge of electrical, electronic and mechanical systems. Students learn work processes such as installing, repairing and maintaining equipment/devices; systems troubleshooting; operation of industrial computer and communication systems; support for automation technologies; machining; and related tasks.

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