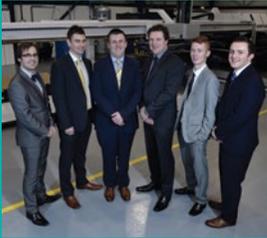


Case Study 3



Jordan Hunter
Placement Company
Hutchinson Aerotech,
Antrim

Jordan Hunter won a top student of the year award for his performance on the Career Ready Engineering programme - The Sir Winfried Bischoff Award – this award is given to the two most outstanding students on the two year Career Ready programme around the UK.

He received a plaque, a cheque for £250 and a certificate, and embarked on a trip to the USA where he visited some of the biggest employers in New York. In addition, he will receive £500 a year for three years towards his university costs.

Jordan said: "I am so thankful to the Northern Regional College team, my mentor Michael and the Hutchinson Aerotech team for giving me the support, encouragement and opportunities to achieve

all that I have done in the past two years. I am also grateful to the Career Ready programme for the opportunities that it has presented to me. I never in a million years would have thought that I would be doing what I am doing now. The Career Ready programme has been life-changing for me and I would recommend it to anybody."

Mark Hutchinson, Managing Director, Hutchinson Aerotech said, "I would like to congratulate Jordan on winning this award. His journey over the last two years has been nothing short of inspiring and it is credit to Jordan and Northern Regional College's hard work and determination that he has received this prestigious award. He is an inspiration to other students and work colleagues."

Outside his college work Jordan has also been involved in the setup and running of FOCUS which is a suicide awareness charity. He is now working with Hutchinson Aerotech, as a process engineer manufacturing aircraft components and is studying an Ulster University Foundation Degree part-time with Northern Regional College.

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The Career Ready programme has been very worthwhile for us. Not only have we been able to pass on knowledge and experience to a student but we have gained a very successful employee and built better ties with the local college. It takes very little time or work from the mentor, just advice and industry experience can make all the difference to a young person's future. It's a fantastic program, I only wish it was available when I was a student.

Michael Sherratt
[Jordan Hunter's mentor]
Manager at Hutchinson
Aerotech



An Introduction for
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Career Ready Engineering Programme



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What is the Career Ready Engineering programme?

The Career Ready Engineering programme offers an exciting opportunity to students and was the first of its kind to be launched in Northern Ireland in 2012, specialising in engineering.

Career Ready aims to provide young people (16–19 years) with a curriculum and guidance necessary to build rewarding careers and fulfilling lives. It does this by combining a rigorous industry validated curriculum for students with leading edge practice in education and business link activity, including paid summer internships with supporting engineering companies and one-to-one business mentoring for each student.

Students are provided with business-led engineering worksite visits, seminars, masterclasses, practice interviews and curriculum vitae development.

Successful students will enrol in the Career Ready Engineering programme in November to experience an enhancement on their current BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering programme.

Participating students (after selection) will be expected to undertake a six-week paid summer internship commencing the first week of July.

Students are assigned a Mentor (from industry) who will meet the student and support them throughout their study exposing them to different career paths and raising their aspirations.

Competition for places is stiff and students are selected by Northern Regional College on the basis of the application they submit and their commitment to work hard.

There will also be an official Graduation from the Career Ready programme.

Enrolment costs for the Career Ready Engineering programme will be paid by Northern Regional College (£100 /student).

Students will achieve an additional BTEC Level 3 qualification in WorkSkills and will network with other Career Ready students from other colleges around the UK.

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Case Study 1



Brian McAlister
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McAuley Engineering
 Ballymoney

Northern Regional College's Brian McAlister has been named as the Northern Ireland winner in the prestigious Sir Winfried Bischoff Award, which recognises the UK's most promising students. Brian, who was just one of 12 students selected to take part in the College's pioneering Career Ready Engineering programme is in the running to be named as the student who has made the most progress on their two-year journey completing his studies placement at McAuley Engineering.

The Sir Winfried Bischoff Award is named after former Lloyds Banking Group Chairman and former Career Academies UK Chair Sir Win Bischoff, and Jordan along with six other regional finalists will be travelling to London in May to be presented with his regional award and learn if he has won an all-expenses paid trip to the USA to meet with some of New York's biggest employers, and Career Ready UK's sister organisation the National Academy Foundation.

Case Study 2



Dean Boyle
 Placement Company
McAuley Engineering,
 Ballymoney

Dean Boyle has gone from strength to strength since joining the Career Ready Engineering programme graduating in June 2014.

He has spent his internship at McAuley Engineering, Ballymoney, over the last two Summers under the careful supervision of his mentor, Production Engineer Alastair Davison also an ex Engineering student of the College.

Dean has decided to continue his studies at Northern Regional College Ballymena, progressing to the Foundation Degree in Engineering. McAuley Engineering has now offered to sponsor Dean throughout his Foundation Degree with a fully paid sandwich year from July 2015 to July 2016 with the possibility of full-time employment when he graduates. Dean said, "McAuley's are renowned for their sheet metal expertise and it was brilliant being able to have Alastair as my mentor. Having expert advice and backing along the way is invaluable."

Northern Regional College has also awarded Dean the Concorde Cup in June 2014 for the highest grades in the Level 3 Extended Diploma Manufacturing Engineering. Dean also competed in the Worldskills CNC Machining competition representing Northern Regional College and McAuley Engineering and was awarded the Regional Winner for Northern Ireland in July 2014. Dean will now compete in the UK Skills Show in Birmingham at the NEC in Birmingham.

Dean said, "It was during my internship at McAuley Engineering that I became interested in CNC machining and it was working there that I realised the career path I wanted to pursue." Dean continues, "I took the internship with the intention of gaining some experience and training and never expected it to end up with me reaching this stage in such an acclaimed competition".

Jonathan McAuley, Managing Director of McAuley Engineering said "we are so proud of Dean's achievement and it is gifted individuals like him that we want involved in McAuley Engineering. We are delighted that Dean is representing our company and it is such a wonderful accomplishment for Dean himself".