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Community Connection—Giving Back and Preparing our Youth for the Future



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Community Connection—CELCO Works Hand in Hand with Area Organizations

Brandon Bellesine, VP of Compliance at CELCO has been participating in a local manufacturers' group over the past couple of years. One thing that they, as a group, have decided is that local students need to be educated as to these businesses so they can begin to prepare for a possible job in this area later in life should they so choose. Working with the Coordinator of the Harper County Transition to Career (T2C) Program and local schools, students toured various facilities to learn more about the businesses and what types of skills are needed to gain employment in the manufacturing industry. As a company that was "born, raised and grown" in Harper County, we understand the need to cultivate our young people and let them know that there are good jobs available in their small rural town, and what it would take for them to enter and grow within these companies.



The Transition to Career Program is a joint effort among school districts in Harper County to improve opportunities for their students to explore various career interests. This program is designed to meet the state emphasis placed on Individual Plans of Study (IPS) and the emphasis to build soft skills among high school students.

Students toured local businesses where they learned about the various processes involved and had the opportunity to ask questions about the businesses. Other ways that CELCO supports the community is through sponsorships of activities like the annual Balloonfest, scholarships and working with the school district as requested on student career informational projects.





“We will strive to meet or exceed our customers’ expectations while improving our operations, facility and techniques to keep up with the ever changing world of metal finishing services”



Trade Shows/Lunch and Learn Provide Opportunities

As part of CELCO’s strategic management plan we have made getting out in front of potential and current customers more often a priority. Over the past two years, CELCO representatives have attended and/or exhibited at several trade shows around the country. CELCO has many customers in the Front Range in Colorado, so we have had a booth at the Rocky Mountain Region ISPE show in Denver the last two years. While in the area we have been able to meet with some of our customers and tour their facilities. It is always interesting and insightful to see the processes that go into creating the parts the end up coming to our shop. CELCO has had a presence at the Wichita Industrial Trade Show (WITS) for many years now and have not only found it beneficial to see current clients and prospect for new customers, but to also see what new parts and processes are being offered each year. We have also found that many times students or those in the



Steve Bellesine at ISPE 2018

job market visit these shows to learn more about the industry and what kinds of jobs are available within the various companies at the show. Last year Steve Bellesine, President and Gary Jacobs, Oxygen Cleaning Service Manager at-

tended the Interpex show at the Javits Center in New York City. While CELCO did not have a booth at this show it was valuable to get a feel for the show and network with some of our “friendly” competitors. While in New York we were able to view some sculptured pieces of art that CELCO electropolished and was on display at a prominent hotel. We have also made several trips to visit nearby clients and have hosted “lunch and learn” sessions with several customers. These are a great opportunity to meet face to face with people we do work for and allow them to learn more about our capabilities and also we learn more about the products that they offer. Many times our customers find out we have capabilities that would be value added to them that they were not aware that we offered. If you would like to have us come to your facility and meet with your group, just give us call. This generally involves some pretty good food and chance to network!



Javits Center—NYC



Steve with Sculpture in NYC



Gary Jacobs at ISPE 2017

Spring - CELCO Employee Feature - Vincent Davis

Way back in August of 1995, Vincent Davis, our featured employee for this issue, started his career as an entry level employee at CELCO. Since that time he has been a mainstay in the electropolishing shop (Main EP), where he is the Plant Manager. When asked what he thought about his job back when he started here, he said, "I thought it was a very interesting job and I seemed to catch on to it pretty quickly." He added that working for the Bellesine family was nice as he could tell right away they were good people. Vincent is not only an extremely hard working person but his personal

conviction in doing things right shows through in everything he does. If you go looking for Vincent, don't bother looking in his office because most of the time you will find him out on the shop floor working side by side with his fellow employees. He is definitely a "hands on" kind of manager and knows exactly what is going on in his shop at all times. In his spare time you might find him fishing, gardening or tinkering with a car, but mostly he enjoys just spend time with his best friend and wife, Darlene and their grandkids. CELCO is blessed to have found a person like Vincent.



Diverse Customer Base Keeps CELCO Strong

Think of an industry and there is a pretty good chance that CELCO has done work in that industry or done work on parts that somehow support that industry. A wise old saying is, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket". This idea has not been lost on the owners at CELCO. At one time a large part of the work performed here was in the semiconductor business. Then one day that business dropped off dramatically. Speaking with the owners you will hear them say that that was one of the biggest lessons learned about running a business and also one of the most costly. While fighting to keep the business afloat, the owners swore they would never let that happen again, and if you look at our customer base you will see they have made good on that promise. The following is a list of some of the industries in which CELCO does electropolishing, passivation, high purity cleaning, derouging, or me-

chanical finishing:

- ◆ Food & Beverage
- ◆ Aerospace
- ◆ Oil & Gas
- ◆ Medical
- ◆ Pharmaceutical
- ◆ Semiconductor
- ◆ Automotive
- ◆ Art — Sculpturing
- ◆ Water Treatment
- ◆ Laboratory
- ◆ Defense
- ◆ Appliances
- ◆ Recreational
- ◆ High Vacuum
- ◆ Many Others



If you have a part that needs finishing work and you are unsure if our processes might be beneficial, give us a call and we will be happy to take a look at it. Chances are if we don't feel we are the right fit for your project we will know someone that can help. Over the past 30+ years, not only have we developed a diverse customer base but we also have made a lot of good friends in this business and we are happy to recommend whoever we think might lead you to the best outcome for your project. Its what we do!



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- Derouging
- Mechanical Finishing
- Mobile Services



Waste Water Treatment—A Integral Part of Our Business

At CELCO we take pride and ownership of all the different phases in our processes. The last and probably least thought of part of that process is the disposal of waste water and the chemicals we use in our processes. Many



years ago the decision was made that we would bring that part of the process in-house and take full ownership. It was not only an economical decision but also an ecological decision. The process that was developed leaves a dry pellet that is non-hazardous and can therefore be disposed of at the



local landfill. The water treatment plant at CELCO is manned full-time by Tracey Penwell and he takes his job



very serious because it is a very serious job. The waste water must be processed, monitored, samples submitted, paperwork filed with the KDHE, etc., etc., etc. It's not a simple process, but one that CELCO undertakes whole heartedly.



Dried Waste Pellets