



# 21ST CENTURY HIDDEN GEMS: CAREER PATHWAYS IN MANUFACTURING

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**21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Hidden Gems:  
Careers in  
Manufacturing**

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Source: Lucasfilm LTD., The Walt Disney Company

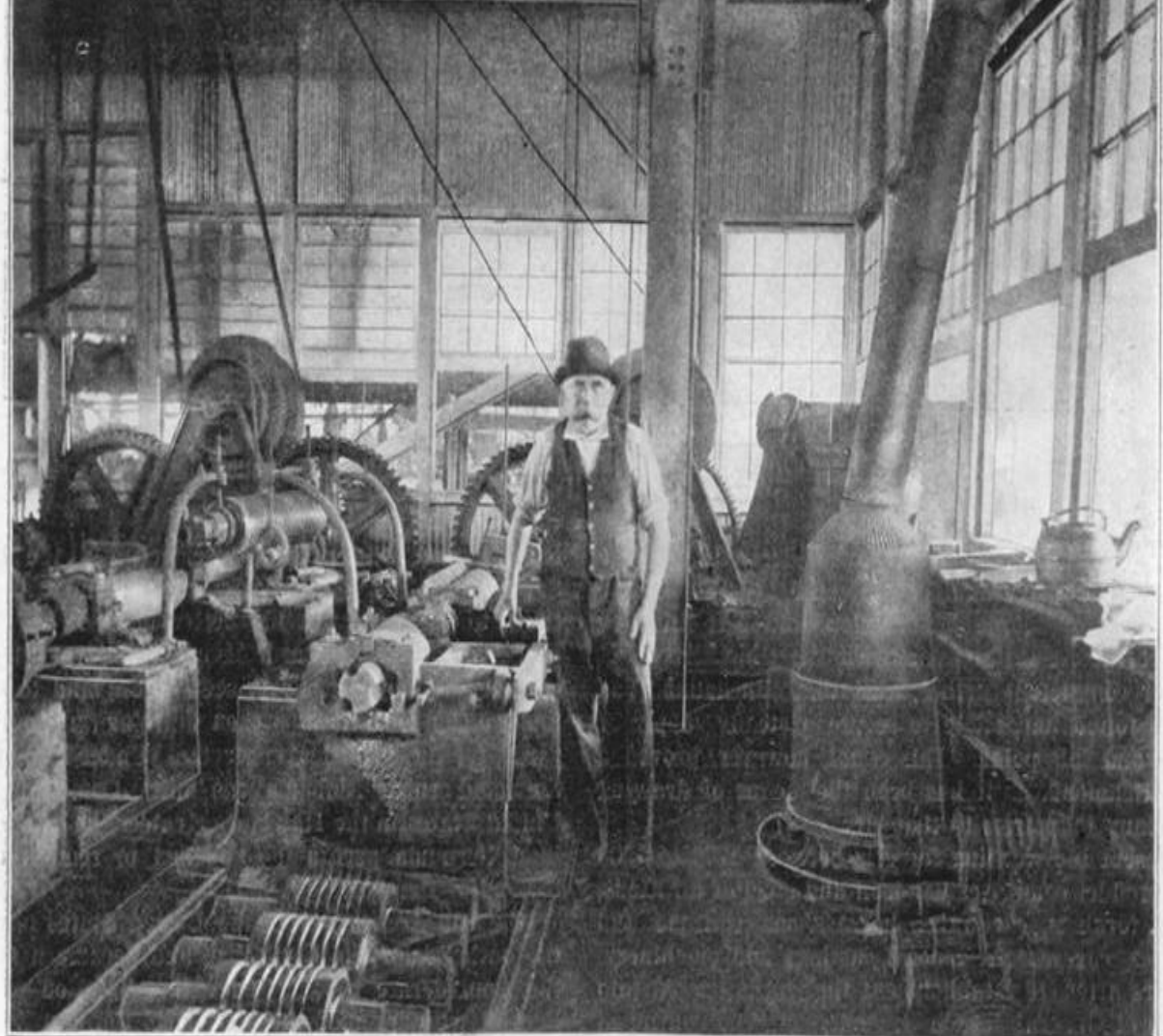


# OUTLINE

- Historical perspective
- Industry Opportunities
- Manufacturing Career Pathways
- Educational connections through CTE
- Enablers needed from you



Many Parents (and by proxy  
– students) still have this  
picture of manufacturing in  
Virginia...

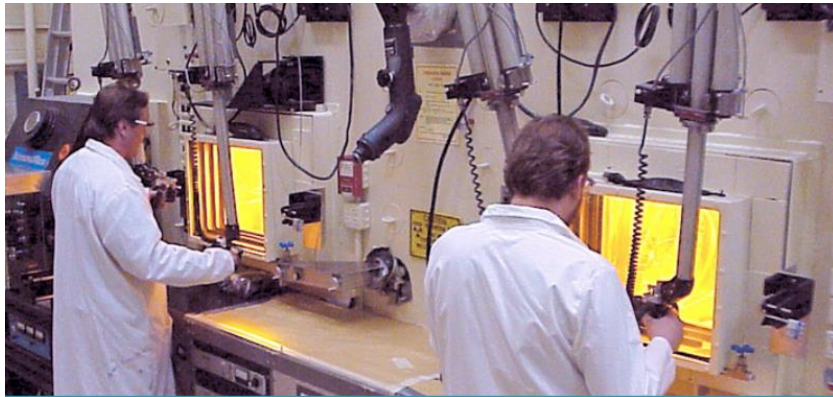


Tredegar Iron Works

# Our Part in This History

Virginia Secondary CTE Enrollment  
by Career Cluster 2021 – 2022

IN VIRGINIA CTE, MANUFACTURING DOES NOT FARE WELL AGAINST OTHER CAREER CLUSTERS THAT PAY LOWER AND HAVE A LOWER ECONOMIC MULTIPLIER EFFECT



BWX Technologies

Career Cluster	Enrollment
Business Management and Administration	41,510
Human Services	33,669
Information Technology	27,834
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	22,950
Marketing	19,080
Hospitality and Tourism	17,358
Finance	17,020
Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	15,082
Health Science	10,571
Manufacturing	8,524
Government and Public Administration	8,358
Architecture and Construction	7,845
Arts, Audio-Video & Communications	6,371
Transportation, Distribution and Logistics	4,020
Education and Training	3,707
Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security	3,072
Energy	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>247,045</b>



# A STRONG MANUFACTURING ECONOMY UNLOCKS IMPORTANT EMPLOYMENT AND ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## Delivering the US Manufacturing Renaissance

McKinsey & Company – September 2022

*Manufacturing is the main economic engine and primary employer in around 500 US counties today, and in those communities, the industry employs a broader-than-average swath of the overall population and does so more inclusively.*

*In most cases, employees don't need four-year degrees, and they can earn twice as much as those holding equivalent service-sector jobs, as employers invest in upskilling and reskilling their current workers by offering expanded learning opportunities.*

US manufacturing directly accounts for ...



of the US workforce



of US GDP

... but makes disproportionate contributions to the US economy



of net capital stock



of productivity growth



of exports



of patents



of R&D spending

*Spurs demand in related industries that provide services and inputs*

*Supports local economies and small suppliers across the country*

# Factory Jobs Are Booming Like It's the 1970s

The New York Times, Sep 26, 2022



Mack Truck, Salem VA



*The newly created jobs are more likely to be located in the Mountain West and the Southeast than in the classic industrial strongholds of the Great Lakes.*

*American manufacturers cut roughly 1.36 million jobs from February to April of 2020, as Covid-19 shut down much of the economy. (By August 2022) manufacturers had added back about 1.43 million jobs, a net gain of 67,000 workers above pre-pandemic levels.*

# MANUFACTURING IS CHANGING (I)

## More sustainable

- Governments, customers, and investors are demanding a more sustainable approach while also remaining cost-competitive
- Switching to low-carbon sources will be technically and economically challenging, especially for energy intensive heavy-industrial sectors. But the energy transition also offers significant opportunities for US manufacturers
- Demand for new renewable energy generation equipment is set to skyrocket, for example, with capacity expected to increase fourfold by 2050

## More digital

- Leading manufacturers are now applying digital technologies at scale in their operations.
- Around the world, manufacturers are ramping up their investment in key technology areas, seeking to overcome existing pain points in their operations, improve their product and service offerings, or simply keep up with competitors that are more digitally savvy.
- The installed base for the roughly \$50 billion advanced robotics industry, for example, is expected to grow 6 percent per year for the next three years at least, as companies take advantage of smarter, more flexible, and more cost-effective equipment to automate more of their activities.
- By 2030, Industry 4.0 applications are expected to account for almost half the total sales of 5G-connected Internet of Things (IoT) devices.



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# MANUFACTURING IS CHANGING (II)

## More skilled

- Digitization and automation often create new roles faster than workforce training has historically been able to keep up.
- McKinsey research projects that by 2030, the share of physical and manual tasks in the overall economy will have fallen by about 27 percent since 2016, replaced by greatly increased demand for technological and cognitive skills.
- Manufacturing offers high-skill, high-wage jobs for American workers and could do so even more as the industry becomes more digitized and automated.



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## More resilient

- For some companies that supply US markets, the evolution of factor costs has significantly eroded the comparative advantage of global production locations and supplier networks.
- When organizations expand their definition of value to take account of sustainability issues and supply chain risks, the gap can narrow even further.





## Manufacturing

The Manufacturing career cluster prepares learners for careers in planning, managing and performing the processing of materials into intermediate or final products. Careers also include related professional and technical support activities such as production planning and control, maintenance and manufacturing/process engineering.



Siemens Gamesa



This career cluster is divided into six pathways:

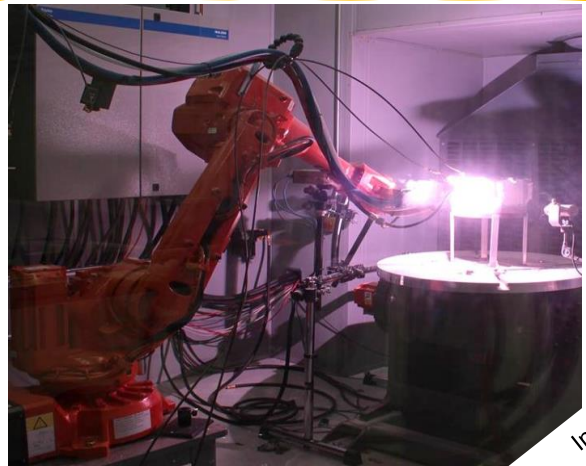
- Production
- Maintenance, Installation and Repair
- Health, Safety & Environmental Assurance
- Logistics Inventory Control
- Manufacturing Production Process Development
- Quality Assurance



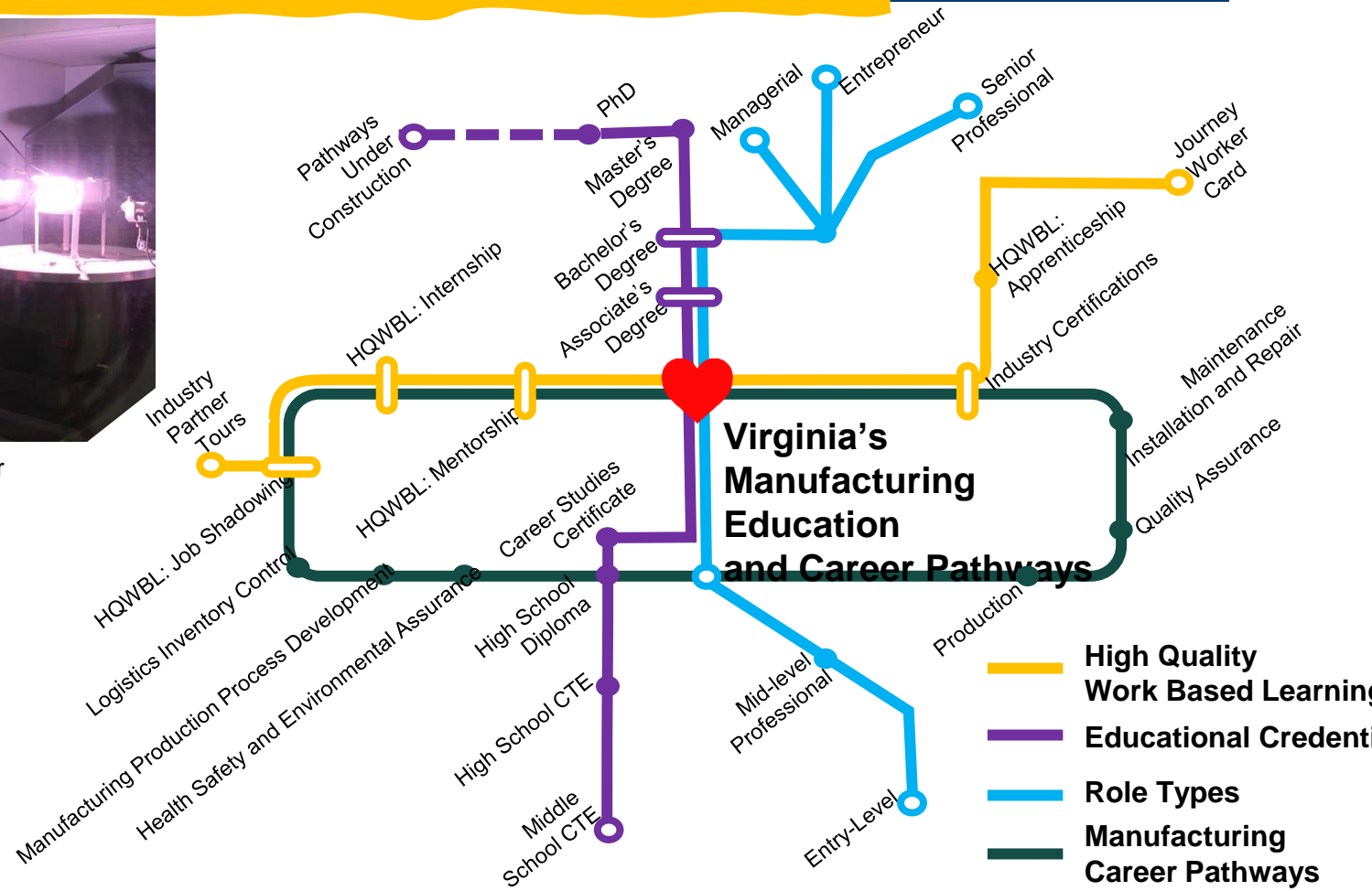
Dominion Energy

**SOME SCHOOL DIVISIONS ARE ACTIVELY PROMOTING  
MANUFACTURING CAREER PATHWAYS**

# MANUFACTURING IS NOT "ONE SIZE FITS ALL"



Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing





# ENABLERS: KEY SUCCESS FACTORS / HOW TO GET STARTED

## CTE Advisory Committees:

- Find manufacturers and Higher-Ed partners in your region to support your CTE and engage in all career planning activities with your faculty, staff, and students
- Lean on them to promote Work Based Learning Opportunities

## Higher Education Partners:

- Manufacturing Career Pathways support ALL levels of educational credential attainment
- Virtually all of the great Community College, Junior College, and 4-year Universities across the Commonwealth have programs that will connect students with careers related to manufacturing
- EVERY student has their own path to success, and there are financial incentives to help make dreams a reality

## Counselors and Faculty:

- Actively seek out opportunities to expose students AND PARENTS to great career opportunities in your area
- Place the Manufacturing Career Cluster on an equal footing with other clusters

## Economic Development:

- The Top 3 priorities for manufacturers seeking to expand are Workforce, Workforce, and Workforce
- Your local / regional EDO always seeks strong connections among secondary, post-secondary, and employers – so engage them as part of your team



# VDOE MANUFACTURING COURSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

## **Manufacturing Courses:**

Computer Integrated Manufacturing (PLTW)  
Cybersecurity in Manufacturing  
Industrial Maintenance Technology  
Industrial Robotics Technology  
Manufacturing Systems  
Material and Processes Technology  
Mechatronics  
Precision Machine Technology  
Production Systems  
Sheet Metal  
Welding



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## **Credentials:**

Associate Certified Electronics Technician (CETa)  
Business Certificate for Manufacturing  
Certified Production Technician (CPT) 4.0  
Core: Introduction to Basic Construction Skills  
EPA Technician  
FANUC Certified Robot Operator with ROBOGUIDE  
Festo NC3 Introduction to Mechatronics STEM Lab Certification  
Festo NC3 Level 1: Fundamentals Certification  
Flux Core Arch Welding (FCAW)  
Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW)  
Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW)  
Industrial Technology Maintenance – Level 1  
Manufacturing Specialist Certification  
Manufacturing Technician Level 1 (MT1) Certification  
Mechatronics Systems Certification  
Pre-Manufacturing Technician 1 (Pre-MT1)  
Robotics Certification  
SENSE Training Program Certification (Level 1, Entry Level Welder)  
Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW)  
Smart Automation Associate Certifications  
Stratasys Additive Manufacturing Certification – Level 1  
Welding Level One

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