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**Success Story - Cyle Collins** had held numerous dead-end-jobs and says he never found the right career fit. He was looking for a stable career, which he knew would include continuing his education, when he discovered the boot camp opportunity. He was interested in CNC because it is in high demand and that it is not just a job but a career.

“For a guy like me who knew none of this stuff, it has been awesome. The learning opportunities and the fact that they are paying for it are awesome.”

“Honestly, everyone has exceeded my expectations as to what I would encounter with this experience; the Workforce Development Center does everything in their power to get you hired, including help with resumes,” said Cyle. “Teachers and tutors go out of their way to make sure every part of getting you ready has been covered.”

He tries to be a model student and says you should give your all to the program if you are selected. He demonstrates this to his classmates and others by maintaining an A average while still working part time as a personal care home health worker after class.

”I made a commitment to myself that nothing would interfere with the boot camp. I feel very lucky and privileged to be in this program.”

Cyle looks forward to a fresh start after completing the boot camp. “There are many jobs that you can get in CNC and they can translate into other areas of the company. I am no longer in a position where I am stuck.”

In the past he did not have benefits and looks forward to a family sustaining wage and benefits that a CNC career generates.

“Every day I had a chance to learn new things... I am very privileged and thankful for my instructors, Gateway and SC Johnson... I hope this program will last and last and last because it is a very positive thing that you guys are doing here. This is the opportunity of a life time.”

**Schedule an  
interview today...  
find an employee  
with the skills  
you need for  
tomorrow!**

Rooms are available for interviewing CNC Boot Camp students immediately following the completion ceremony.

For more information contact Todd Nienhaus from the Racine County Workforce Development Center at 262-638-6541 or [Todd.Nienhaus@goracine.org](mailto:Todd.Nienhaus@goracine.org)

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**BOOT CAMP #17****COMPLETION CEREMONY**

Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our boot camp students and stay after to interview qualified candidates!

**Date:** Friday, December 6th  
**Time:** 1:00-2:00 PM Ceremony  
 2:30-4:30 PM Interviews

**SC Johnson iMET Center**  
**2320 Renaissance Blvd.**  
**Sturtevant, WI 53177-1763**

**Upcoming CNC Boot Camp: January 6, 2013**

Are you interested in applying for the boot camp program, contact your Workforce Development Center (WDC) representatives:

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**Racine: Todd Nienhaus,**  
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Are you interested in learning more about Gateway Technical College's CNC Boot Camps? Contact: Rick Lofy at lofy@gtc.edu .

**Success Story - Felipe Santiago** was devastated when he was laid off from a company he worked for in East Troy due to lack of work. He was working in machining and was looking forward to being trained in CNC. He was the only one working in his family at the time and it had a domino effect, including losing his house. He moved in with family and is starting all over and seeing how far the boot camp opportunity will take him.

“What I enjoyed the most is all the knowledge that I have gained. I feel that all the teachers are here to make an impact on someone’s life...I am in the right place. All the people that are involved want to make Racine a better place -- better people, better parents.” Felipe would like to continue his education in CNC even after he lands a job in the industry.

“I love working on machines, anything that is computerized. I love that they have all the new machines to train us on.”

He also enjoys his freelance videography and design work and has realized a connection exists between CNC and graphics – which is the technical, hands-on computer skills needed for both.

“I have an opportunity to make the dream of having a career into a reality...I have a purpose in life.”

He also said he has gained so many skills besides CNC, including teamwork, Lean Six Sigma, and he feels like he has the best class because they have the philosophy of “no man left behind.”

**Boot Camp to Apprenticeship... Grant Money Available!**

Employers, did you know that a candidate from the boot camps can be hired as an apprentice? This training will pick up where the boot camp left off. This is a way to “grow your own” with the schooling and skills to back it up. **Contact: Nicci Pagan to learn more at paganj@gtc.edu or visit [www.gtc.edu/apprenticeships](http://www.gtc.edu/apprenticeships).**

**Grant funding is currently available in the Southeast Wisconsin region through Department of Labor TIME grants for manufacturers.**

Contact your local Workforce Development Center (*listed above*) to apply.

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