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### CARCAM Newsletter

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BERLIN, Germany — Wallace State Community College Industrial Electronics Instructor Joe Hendrix recently attended the Siemen Mechatronic Systems Certification Program training at the Siemens Technik Akademie in Berlin, Germany.

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WSSC-Hanceville Instructor Joe Hendrix

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The last day to apply for the AAMA scholarship is February 28, 2015!

[Apply Now!](#)

#### AAMA Provides Student Scholarship Support

The Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association annually provides 12 scholarships for students enrolled in CARCAM programs of study. The CARCAM Center facilitates the scholarship program for this organization and students benefit with tuition and book assistance from across the state. These individual scholarships total \$1500 for 2 semesters and the application and details are provided on CARCAM's website.

This scholarship program is designed to assist Alabama students who desire to begin careers in automotive manufacturing. Annually, student recipients have the opportunity to tour one of the OEMs and view firsthand this high-tech environment.

View [www.carcam.org](http://www.carcam.org) for scholarship information.

Application Deadline: February 28, 2015

#### Alabama will soon have 2,000 more jobs manufacturing the world's best ATVs

Already a leader in automobile and aerospace manufacturing, Alabama will soon be one of the world's largest manufacturers of off-road vehicles. Gov. Robert Bentley on Friday joined state and local leaders in Huntsville to announce Polaris Industries has chosen Alabama to produce off-road vehicles and create up to 2,000 new jobs for North Alabama.

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#### TOP STATES FOR DOING BUSINESS 2014

1. GEORGIA
2. TEXAS
3. SOUTH CAROLINA
4. ALABAMA
5. TENNESSEE
6. LOUISIANA
7. INDIANA
8. NORTH CAROLINA
9. OHIO
10. MISSISSIPPI

Alabama remained solidly in position No. 4 in the Area Development survey of site consultants. This may be based on the strength of its significant and growing accomplishments in transportation manufacturing and the success of the state's long-term economic development plan known as Accelerate Alabama. Accelerate Alabama was launched in 2012 and concentrates on optimizing Alabama's advantages in infrastructure, workforce training, and other areas in working with 11 major industries.

The state's most notable development is the continued climb in importance of car production, with Alabama as host to major facilities for Mercedes-Benz, Honda, and Hyundai that produced more than 915,000 vehicles last year. Mercedes launched output of its C-Class sedan, while Toyota moved ahead with a \$150 million expansion of its Alabama engine plant. Meanwhile, the state's auto-supplier sector added 2,300 new jobs in the year ended in June to keep up with burgeoning final demand.

"They've done a nice job in Alabama for Mercedes," Sean McAlinden, executive director of the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, Mich., told Area Development.

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**February is Alabama Career & Technical Engineering Month!  
Check out all things CTE at [www.alcareerinfo.org](http://www.alcareerinfo.org)!**

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