Apprenticeship
Randolph gears up for second year

ASHEBORO — High school juniors and seniors have another option to further their education in Randolph County, thanks to a collaboration with Asheboro City Schools, Randolph Community College (RCC), the Randolph County School System and local manufacturers.

Apprenticeship Randolph, in its second year, allows students the opportunity to earn while they learn, following a machining or mechatronics curriculum and applying their new skills at their industry.

Apprenticeship Randolph was developed to address the manufacturing needs of Randolph County, giving students a jump-start on a professional career in local industries.

Students have the opportunity to maximize earning potential, gain valuable skills, receive on-the-job training and earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Manufacturing Technology from RCC. Graduates of this four-year program will also earn a Journeyman Certificate issued by the N.C. Department of Labor and the N.C. Community College System. Tuition, books and fees are covered for selected Apprenticeship Randolph students.

In 2017, its inaugural year, 16 apprentices were signed, working in 11 local industries. In 2018, the program will sign up to 30 new apprentices with 16 local industry partners.

For more information, students and parents are invited to attend an information session on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the RCC Auditorium in the R. Alton Cox Learning Resource Center at 629 Industrial Park Ave., Asheboro.

Information sessions will also be held during the school days at each of the high schools until Tuesday, Feb. 6.

To see the schedule, requirements and general information on Apprenticeship Randolph, visit www.apprenticeshiprandolph.com.

Participating industries are Accuchrome, Allen Machine and Fabrication, Covanta Environmental Solutions, DS Smith, EGI, Energizer, Elastic Therapy Inc., Hubbell Industrial Controls, Jaeaco Precision Ind., MAS Holdings, Mohawk/Unilin, PEMMCO Manufacturing, Sapon Plastics, Technimark, Phoenix Precision Machining and Post Consumer Brands.