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Local Students Provided with Career Exploration and Manufacturing Tour

Ladders2Success is a program for 8th grade students from Grand Haven and Spring Lake Schools to experience local businesses and explore career opportunities. The program is held during the school year with the students visiting and touring area businesses to be educated about the different careers that are available and what skill sets are needed to acquire those positions.

On February 10, the students visited several of Shape Corporation's plants. They started with a tour 1835 Hayes Street, where the students viewed roll forming, welding, computer numeric controlled machining and aluminum bending processes. They also visited Shape Corporation's Tech Center located at 1835 Industrial Park Drive to examine their prototype shop with a variety of tooling equipment along with the crash test center. The final stop was held at Shape Corporation's Aftermarket Service Center located at 1825 Industrial Park Drive. The students viewed more welding and press machining equipment.

"The students are learning about the different opportunities in our community. It's good for them to see the different layers of what takes place in a factory from unskilled to skilled work, along with the training and education that is needed at the different levels," said Steve Ball, Counselor at Lakeshore Middle School.

For more information about Ladders2Success, please contact Nancy Manglos at 616.842.0529 or nmanglos@grandhavenchamber.org.

About Ladders2Success

The Ladders2Success program is a partnership of The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg and the futurePrep initiative of the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District. For the 2016 - 2017 year about 50 students are being educated about various career opportunities within our local community.

Photo Caption: Students learn about aluminum bending.

