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### **Autry Tech CNC Machining Students Participate in NASA HUNCH Hardware Program**

ENID, OK - Students in the Computerized Machining (CNC Machining) program at Autry Technology Center are taking their skills to new heights through participation in NASA's HUNCH Hardware program.

NASA HUNCH (High school Students United with NASA to Create Hardware) gives students the opportunity to design and manufacture real components used by astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS). Through the program, students work on authentic, NASA-approved projects that support crew systems and operations in microgravity.

In the Hardware category, students produce high-quality flight-ready or ground-support components, such as stowage lockers, tools, and other equipment essential to ISS missions. The program provides hands-on experience with advanced manufacturing processes while emphasizing precision, teamwork, and problem-solving.

Autry Tech CNC Instructor Jeremiah Reschke said the partnership offers a unique, real-world learning experience.

"This is an incredible opportunity for our students to apply their machining skills to projects that have a direct connection to NASA missions," Reschke said. "They're not just practicing on classroom parts—they're producing components that meet real aerospace standards. It raises the level of precision, responsibility, and pride they bring to their work every day."

Through the HUNCH program, students gain experience with industry-level expectations while developing the technical and employability skills needed for careers in advanced manufacturing, aerospace, and engineering.

Autry Technology Center Superintendent/CEO Dwight R. Hughes said the program reflects the organization's commitment to providing high-quality, real-world training.

"Programs like NASA HUNCH demonstrate the power of career and technical education," Hughes said. "Our students are gaining hands-on experience with projects that impact space exploration while building the skills and confidence needed for high-demand careers. We are proud to partner with NASA to provide these opportunities."

Participation in the HUNCH Hardware program allows Autry Tech students to work on projects that may ultimately be used aboard the ISS, giving them a rare chance to contribute to the future of space exploration while still in school.

For more information about Autry Technology Center's Computerized Machining (CNC Machining) program, visit [autrytech.edu](http://autrytech.edu).

Autry Technology Center has been a part of the Enid community since 1967 and is one of 29 CareerTech schools across Oklahoma. The center has more than 25 career programs and offers a wide variety of evening and weekend short-term courses and certifications for many diverse career fields. Autry Tech serves nearly 16,000 individuals each year, including many area employees who receive training through the Workforce & Economic Development Department that works with over 500 local businesses each year.

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Autry Tech Computerized Machining (CNC Machining) Instructor Jeremiah Reschke visits with NASA Hunch Workforce Development Specialist Bill Gibson during a recent visit to the Autry Tech campus