

Mt. Ararat JMG students attend Downeast Energy Career Day

BRUNSWICK — Downeast Energy introduced 21 Jobs for Maine's Graduates students to the energy industry at its headquarters in Brunswick on Nov. 11.

Students from Mt. Ararat High School participated in this Career Day as part of JMG's job readiness program that prepares students for meaningful careers.

Interaction with Maine employers is critical to the experience-based JMG curriculum, according to a news release. At Downeast Energy, students participated in a day of hands-on interactive career-based learning about jobs related to the energy industry — sales, delivery, technician service, customer service, safety and marketing.

JMG President and CEO Craig Larrabee said, "JMG's programs are designed to insure that students graduate, develop career aspirations, and pursue continued education. The relationship we have with Downeast Energy helps JMG to continue to bridge classroom learning with real-life experience and activities, to expose students to opportunities in the job market. Downeast Energy is clearly committed to strengthening Maine's workforce."

This is the sixth time the company has opened up its facility as a real world classroom for JMG stu-

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dents. In the past, students from Morse High School in Bath, Lewiston Regional Technical Center, and Lincoln Academy in Newcastle have spent time at Downeast Energy meeting the employees and learning about the training required for specific jobs and what the company looks for when hiring employees.

"We are thrilled to be working with Jobs for Maine's

Graduates for a sixth year," said Betsy Morrell, vice president of marketing and training and development for Downeast Energy. "It's been such a rewarding experience to see these young students walk away with such enthusiasm for what they learned on their tour of Downeast Energy. Students learned that Downeast Energy is more than just an energy company, as we showed them areas like welding and customer service."

Not only has Downeast Energy pledged more than \$20,000 in financial support to JMG over the last four years, but the company has also consistently enhanced its relationship with JMG by having employees interact directly with JMG students.

This event was held in conjunction with Hammond Lumber Co. Students also learned about the lumber industry including kitchen design and building material operations.



STUDENTS in Mt. Ararat's Jobs for Maine Graduates program had an opportunity to speak with technicians and other employees during Downeast Energy's Career Day on Nov. 11.





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