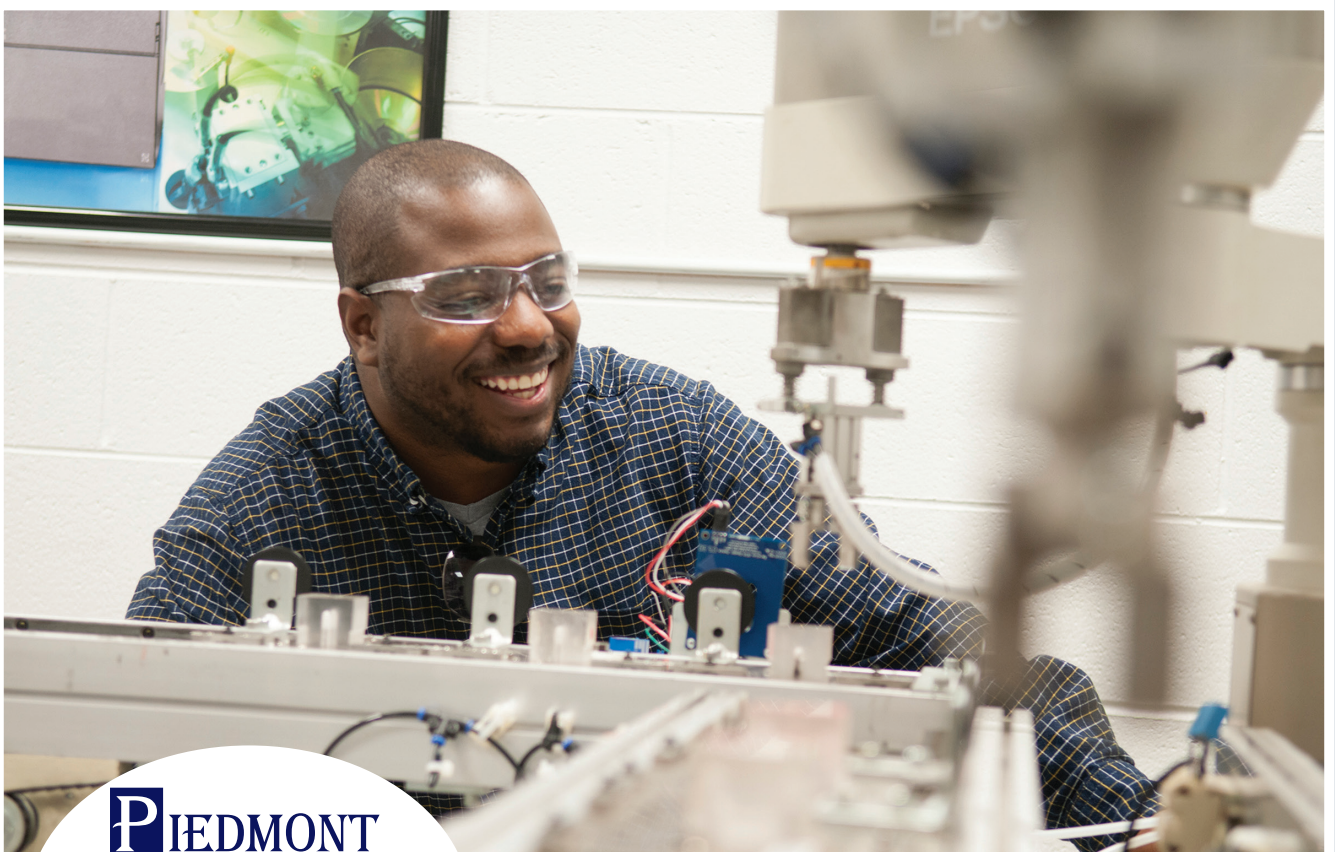


COLGATE-PALMOLIVE LAUNCHES APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM



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To further standardize their employee training plan, strengthen worker skills and support retention, Colgate-Palmolive officials in Greenwood signed an agreement with Piedmont Technical College (PTC) and Apprenticeship Carolina™ to roll out a registered apprenticeship program for their maintenance employees. Sixty Colgate employees signed up for the program, and interviews now are underway to determine the first 10-12 candidates to enter the program this fall.

The selected apprentices will complete PTC's Mechatronics I course. Mechatronics combines the terms "mechanical" and "electronics" as they apply to engineering and computer science fields. Employees trained in mechatronics can help develop and operate intelligent or "smart" electromechanical systems. In the manufacturing environment, examples include programmable robots and machine tools with auto-adapting functions.

As an incentive to participate in the program, Colgate — and other qualifying companies — can receive a tax credit equivalent to \$1,000 per year per apprentice



to offset any costs associated with establishing the registered apprenticeship program. For more information on apprenticeship, visit the Apprenticeship Carolina website at www.apprenticeshipcarolina.com.

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