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When I began the Apprenticeship2000 program, I could never have imagined the doors that would open for me in the years following my graduation. In fact, I had no idea that training I was to receive during the program itself would be so rewarding.

Following one year studying Manufacturing Technology at CPCC, I found my feet in the Electronic Technology program. This program and the people involved, both from the community college and from Max Daetwyler Corp., pushed me to excel. When my class graduated from the program, most of us with an extra year under our belts since we had changed our majors, we were excited and well prepared for the adventures we would undertake in the future. To this day I am still thankful to my fellow graduates for inspiring me to work so hard as it has paid off so

beautifully.

My graduation from the Apprenticeship2000 program coincided perfectly with a rise in demand for the electro-mechanical engraving machines being sold by Max Daetwyler Corp. So perfectly in fact that I had opportunities for further training and later production work with these machines both at a sister company in Ohio and our mother company in Switzerland. The end effect of these opportunities was a move to Switzerland sponsored by the firm.

I am still enjoying employment at Max Daetwyler AG, in Switzerland. Since this time my position has changed from the production of machines to the servicing of machines. I was again given an opportunity to further my development within the firm with additional training on laser engraving machines. At this time I am fully qualified to assemble, test, install and repair two of the most interesting machines in our industry. The assembling and testing of machines is done here in Switzerland. The installation and repair of machines encompasses a world-wide territory. Most recently I completed a laser engraver installation in Russia. However, a small list of the countries I have had the luck to work in includes: Mexico, Japan, Malaysia, India, Turkey, France, Poland, Germany and Italy. Nothing could have helped me prepare for this exciting career better than the Apprenticeship2000 program.