

Workforce Development

Helping You To Meet Your Workforce Challenges

Training The Next Generation:

PMPA Education Foundation Awards Grant to Thaddeus Stevens College

Michael Gammache, from Machined Products Company in Lancaster, Penn., and a 1974 Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology Graduate, delivered an \$8,500 gift from the Precision Machined Products Association Education Foundation Fund granted to the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology's Machine Tool and Technology program. A large host of industry professionals were on hand at the recent event to applaud and support the school's precision machine program.

The PMPA Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization formed for educational and research purposes related to the Precision Machined Products Industry. The foundation was organized exclusively for charitable purposes related to the Precision Machined Products Indus-



try, including education and research. One focus area is providing grant assistance with technical colleges providing or developing metalworking training programs.

Responding to the great demand for skilled machinists, the college's machine tool and technology program added full evening course offerings and hired another full time instructor. Additional machine tools, software and tooling have been added to the shop floor and a new manufacturing center is planned for the college in the near future. As industry demand has increased, so has student interest, and graduates have had 100 percent job placement upon entering the workforce.

The college and shop are impressed with PMPA's support over the years. The instructors are anxiously awaiting

this year's Technical Conference and Precision Machining Tool Show.

Networking with the association's members has helped Thaddeus Stevens College embrace the vision for the college to meet industry needs.

