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Welcome to Hi-Cone

HI-CONE EMPLOYEES SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE WITH ADDISON TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Addison Trail High School



On a beautiful day in April, an Introduction to Business class from Addison Trail High School came to

Hi-Cone. The students, led by teacher Michael Maaske, had a wonderful job shadowing experience at ITW Hi-Cone. The students also heard from speakers across all departments, including Julie Hoganson, Paul Larson, Rachell Slovik, Chris Ludwig, and more.

Paul Larson, Director of Sales, was the first speaker to the High School business class. One of the students said, "Sales is now something I am very interested in after listening to Paul talk to us." After being inspired by Paul, Rachell Slovik from the Machine Engineering department spoke. She taught them about the program our engineers use to plan out and build a machine for the different products.

Julie Hoganson, Marketing Specialist, talked to the class about how much work goes behind successfully getting our products out into the market. One student said how she felt so welcome from the moment she walked in, thanks to Julie, who also did a great job of keeping the class interested. Tracy Wilhelm, Human Resources, showed the students how important teamwork is in a factory, and to always be "responsible and optimistic".

Jim Borchick, Manufacturing, taught the Addison Trail students that plastic rings are, in fact, not an entanglement danger to animals because they photodegrade in UV sunlight. Chris Ludwig and Bob Olson, Product Development, partnered up to give a great presentation at the end of the day. Another student said, "I was inspired by your innovations and the persistence you both have. You pushed forward to try and make the company better."

Thank you to all of our employees for taking the time to present, talk to, and inspire Addison Trail High School students!

