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Dannon Partners with Tarrant County College for \$123,915 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Dannon Co. Inc. (Dannon) has partnered with Tarrant County College (TCC) to provide job training for 91 new and incumbent workers using a \$123,915 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County area.

This grant will be used to provide customized training to 91 new and incumbent workers for industry-related topics with focused instruction on precision instruments and measurements, manufacturing processes, electrical maintenance and material handling. Trainees will include machine operators, maintenance and utility mechanics, manufacturing engineers, material handlers, electricians, and processing technicians. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$25.54.



On April 4, 2016, TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar presented a \$123,915 Skills Development Fund grant check to representatives from Dannon and Tarrant County College. Pictured from left : Dannon Maintenance Manager Marlon Provo, TCC Board Member Dr. Gwen Morrison, Dannon Manager Tuan Nguyen, Dannon Plant Director Eddie Hartfield, Dannon HR Manager Danielle Schelle, TCC Board President Louise Appleman, Dannon Director Roger Post, TCC Acting Chancellor Angela Robinson, J.D., Chairman Alcantar, Dannon Engineering Manager Telly Davis, Dannon Plant Controller Mike Lozano and TCC Board Member Kristin Vandergriff.

Photo courtesy of Tarrant County College

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“Skills grants deliver customized training solutions that help Texas employers and workers succeed in the marketplace,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “This investment builds not only employee skills, but the capabilities of our community colleges to the benefit of employers and the community. We are pleased to make this investment.”

The Skills Development Fund grant program is celebrating 20 years of success as the state’s premier training program in 2015-16. The fund was initiated by the Legislature in September of 1995 and first began awarding contracts in 1996. During that time the Skills Development Fund grants have created or upgraded more than 329,333 jobs throughout Texas. The grants have assisted 4,141 employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature allocated \$48.5 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2016-17 biennium. Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC website at www.texasworkforce.org/skills.

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