

THE CHICK PAPERS

Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network's Monthly Newsletter



A Joint Effort We're Proud Of

By: Staff Editor

GPLN's very own James Maddox was the first GPLN employee to participate in a further education apprenticeship program called APP101. Mike Giles of the Georgia Poultry Federation assisted in connecting GPLN with this apprenticeship program, facilitated by Workforce Strategies Group. WSG works to help meet the need in Northeast Georgia for a skilled workforce, and WorkSource Georgia Mountains assists in providing funding to support eligible candidates in their training and education.

APP101 brings a further education opportunity to willing and eager fulltime employees with committed employers with a need for a skilled workforce. James was able to attend classes at Lanier Technical College part-time while still working full-time. His courses were immediately applicable, and oftentimes he was able to practice and apply the knowledge the next day on the job! These groups have joined forces in making the program work for Georgia's employers and employees in the best way.

James chose to study Industrial Maintenance as that fits best with his current position here as a Maintenance Technician II. Through much hard work, he has succeeded in obtaining FOUR diplomas at once in the first year of this 2-year program! We are very proud of you and all your hard work, James! Congratulations!

"It fit so well into our daily work because [James] could walk around with the contractors after first being exposed to new skills in class."

John Groves

GPLN Lab Mission Support Director

"Going back to school was something that I really wanted but didn't really think I would get to do. It was really like a dream..."

James Maddox

GPLN Maintenance Technican II



Dr. Zavala and Mr. Groves help James proudly display all 4 diplomas that he earned through his participation in APP101.



Tomohiro Hamaoka (far left) with Calpis America arranged for him and 5 lab members to tour our lab this December.



Dr. Stan Crane and Dr. Gary Billings with GDA stopped by for a quick tour of the lab!



Dr. Nikki Shariat and Amy Sicheloff with PDRC toured the lab with Dr. Waltman this December.



Mike Giles with the Georgia Poultry Federation hosted the Georgia Council on Economic Education's Chris Cannon and family on a tour of the lab before Christmas.



Several very festive Hall County 4-Hers toured the lab this December.

HAPPY
NEW YEAR