



More than a year of systems innovation, business recruitment, student recruitment, training plan development, and fundraising all paid off this summer when the inaugural [CareerWise Colorado](#) apprentice class of 116 students reported to work at their employers. That's right, the nation's first statewide modern youth apprenticeship initiative is officially underway in Colorado!

[Nordson Medical](#) is leading the charge in Northern Colorado with two Advanced Manufacturing apprentices. Kaylee Waldo and Margaret Houser, both high school juniors at CEC Fort Collins, began their three-year long apprenticeships at Nordson's Loveland plant this summer. Kaylee works two days per week in Nordson's Quality Control Department, while Margaret works two days per week as a Manufacturing Technician. According to Plant Manager Ray Townsend, these apprenticeships will help Nordson combat an aging workforce and develop talent that is trained to their high standards from the onset.

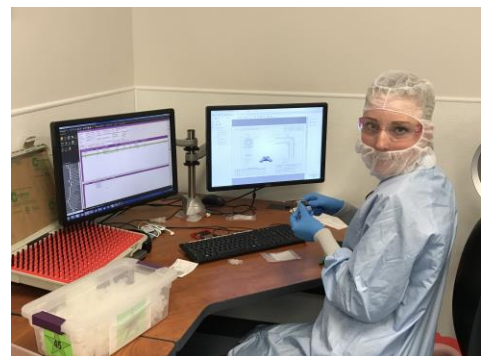
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Margaret Houser working on one of Nordson's high-tech injection molding machines



Margaret Houser and a Nordson coworker on the production floor



Kaylee Waldo conducting a part inspection in the Quality Lab.