

PROFILE OF A GA CATT APPRENTICE: Chloe Tomlinson with E.G.O.

Fall of 2018 marks the beginning of Chloe Tomlinson's apprenticeship with E.G.O. North America. Chloe is from Newnan, Georgia, graduated from East Coweta high school, and has been enrolled at West Georgia Technical college for the duration of her apprenticeship. She chose the Advanced Manufacturing pathway and is in the process of taking exams to become a certified Advanced Manufacturing Technician.



Tomlinson sets herself apart from other apprentices by paying attention to even the smallest details in class and measuring her parts every step of the way, which she says makes a huge difference in production.

Chloe heard about the GACATT apprenticeship program from a friend, who encouraged her to apply. "He told me I could have a college degree and a full-time job by the age of 18,"

she recalls. As for the best part about her apprenticeship thus far, Chloe mentioned that while friends her age are still in school, she is self-sufficient and plans on moving out to start her career soon.

"A typical day at E.G.O. starts at 5:30am and consists of building limiters, stoppers, and other parts that weld together. It is so cool to see my parts come together as part of a bigger picture in production."

Being an apprentice comes with its challenges. As one of few women in a predominantly male field, Chloe has turned some heads and provoked some comments from colleagues, but Tomlinson urges other women considering applying to "go for it – being the only girl is tough sometimes, but it will only make you stronger in the end."

Under mentorship of Roger Delderfield and Arthur Ball, Chloe has been very successful in the GACATT Program and has developed both personally and professionally. She would like to extend a thank you to them for sharing their knowledge and expertise of machining and maintenance. Upon completion of the program, Chloe plans to continue her career as a machinist at E.G.O. She holds the GACATT apprenticeship program in high regard and deems it the foundation of her career.

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