



I have been with Blum for a little over 10 years now, joining the apprenticeship program in the spring of 1997. In high school I really didn't know what I was going to do after graduation, until one of my teachers told me of the program at Blum and I decided to check it out. After going to one of their presentations, I decided that this was the path for me. My overall experience with the apprenticeship program was very good. It has given me the necessary skills to be successful later on in my chosen career.

After the four year program I started in the automated assembly area of Blum as a machine technician and worked in this position for about five years. I enjoyed working on the machines and discovering new technology. Also, during this time, I had the opportunity to travel to Austria for a machine transfer project.

The apprenticeship program has enabled me to continue my schooling. I have received two more degrees from CPCC, beside the one I received after completing the program. As long as the classes are approved and I meet the minimum grade, the tuition is 100% reimbursed as well as 50% of the cost of books.

I have currently earned a position in the Manufacturing Engineering Department as a Design Technician. This position has opened new doors for me. It allows me to take an idea from a basic concept to a solid works model and then to a working prototype. I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

~ Andrew Rumfelt, Design Technician