

Climax Portable Machine Tools and A.R.E. Manufacturing are 2009 “Partners in Education”

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Newberg Public Schools honored A.R.E. Manufacturing and Climax Portable Machine Tools as “Partners in Education.” The annual award is given to a Newberg business for making an exceptional contribution to education in Newberg Schools. Awards were presented at the Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet to Alvin Elbert, President, A.R.E. Manufacturing, and Dr. Geoff Gilmore, President/CEO, and Joni George, Chief Cultural Officer, of Climax Portable Machine Tools.

A.R.E. Manufacturing and Climax Portable Machine Tools provide opportunities for young people through comprehensive summer internship programs. The two companies are examples of manufacturing firms that need highly skilled employees to program, operate and maintain sophisticated machinery. These employees need computer skills, knowledge of metals and high levels of mathematics. The internships allow promising students an opportunity to sample a career, learn marketable skills and apply their classroom learning – all while developing our future workforce.

This summer A.R.E. is partnering with Climax Portable Machine Tools to offer an even broader intern experience. Students will still have their job-specific work experience plus attend a series of workshops to further develop employee skills, including Lean Manufacturing, business and personal finance, interview and job search skills, first aid, understanding insurance and benefits and more. In addition to the experience, Newberg High School students will earn both high school and Portland Community College credit for their participation.