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Dave Devore leaves ATAC

It is with a mix of sadness and congratulations that ATAC bids farewell to one of its own, Dave Devore.

A lean specialist with ATAC since 2006, Devore and his wife, Lisa, have relocated to Pennsylvania, where Lisa has entered into her doctoral residency program.

During his years with ATAC, Devore specialized in the facilitation and delivery of Training Within Industry modules as well as providing support to ATAC's slate of Lean Continuous Improvement training programs.

John Lawson brings high-level planning and strategy skills

John Lawson, a Lean Production Mentor who learned first-hand as a former manager with Toyota, joins the Lean Continuous Improvement team at ATAC.

Lawson advises and trains high-level managers in annual planning and strategy deployment. Lawson's training and guidance helps company executives in the application of logical thinking, thorough evaluation, measurement and reflection in answering the true planning questions regarding organizational identity, direction, course of action and learning from successes and failures.

His teaching applies PDCA at all levels to encourage clear thinking, breaking down of barrier and facilitating cross-functional management..

Open enrollment classes

Remaining open enrollment classes scheduled during 2010 include:

Lean Certificate Series, June 14-18
Auburn;
Lean Accounting, June 22-24,
Pensacola Beach, Fla.
Lean Office, Sept. 15, Auburn;
TWI, Sept. 20, Birmingham;
Problem Solving, Oct. 10, Auburn;
Lean Certificate Series, Oct. 4-8,
Auburn.
OSHA 10-hr., Oct. 13, Auburn.

For details or to register, visit
www.AuburnWorks.org, or call
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ATAC has leading roles in state's AOMI program

The Auburn Technical Assistance Center (ATAC) is Auburn University's lead unit involved in the ongoing Alabama Operations Management Institute (AOMI).

AOMI is a program organized by the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama and the Governor's Office of Workforce Development to help companies solve manufacturing problems. ATAC Lean Continuous Improvement experts helped in the curriculum development and training facilitation.

AOMI uses a "train-the-trainer" process to teach participants from a variety of companies. After completing the 160-hour course, participants are prepared to return to their organizations and apply the lessons learned to own manufacturing processes.

Lean for Healthcare now among ATAC CI offerings

Following more than two-and-one-half years of development, ATAC now offers courses and facilitation assistance in Lean Continuous Improvement for Healthcare.

ATAC introduced its basic course, Lean 101 for Healthcare, to participants representing nine area hospitals in an open enrollment format April 6 at the East Alabama Medical Center's (EAMC) training facility.

The course comes out of ATAC's ongoing work with EAMC over the past three years.

Lean 101 for Healthcare teaches the same principles of continuous improvement used in manufacturing, but with a focus on processes in the healthcare industry. Even the hands-on simulations are healthcare focused, using actual medical examples and scenarios.

Trainees learn how to apply such continuous improvement tools as 5s, pull systems, how to identify and reduce waste, about developing a workplace problem solving culture, developing and implementing continuous improvement strategies, workplace standardization and visual management, among other things.

At the end of the 8-hour training event, participants provided a very high satisfaction rating of the class. Comments provided included such reviews as, "Everything was fantastic;" "There are several areas that I plan to take back;" "All (of the content) was useful;" "The hands-on simulations and exercises were extremely helpful."

ATAC plans to offer its five-day Lean Certificate Series for Healthcare during August. Visit www.AuburnWorks.org for more information.



ATAC Lean Specialist Terri Lawrence, standing right, leads medical personnel in a training simulation during ATAC's Lean 101 for Healthcare course. ATAC unveiled the new program to participants from nine different hospitals in an open enrollment session April 6.



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