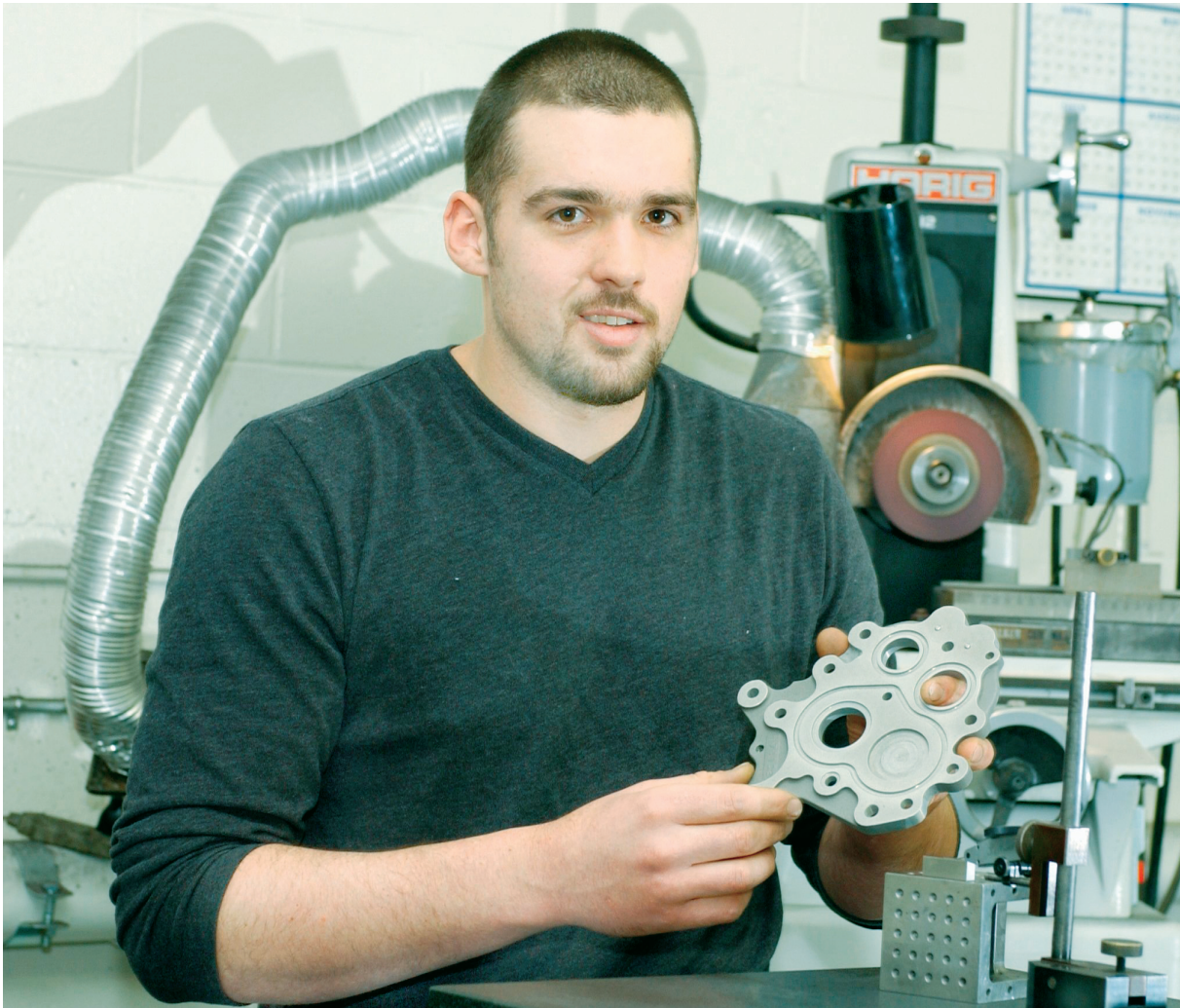


ON THE JOB

Meet **Richard J. Collingwood**, *General Machinist*



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Name: Richard J. Collingwood

Age: 25

Family: Wife Quinn, daughter Emma, sons Mason and Skyler

Education: 2000 graduate of the manufacturing technology program at Westfield Vocational Technical High School

Occupation: Precision manufacturing

Job title: General machinist

Place of employment: Peerless Precision Inc., Westfield

Previous place of employment: Employed at Peerless since graduation

Years on the job: Seven

Years of training: Four years in high school and continuous improvement courses at Peerless Precision

Income range: \$30,000 to \$60,000

Fringe benefits: On-the-job training, paid vacation, health and life insurance, personal days, tuition reimbursement, company performance bonuses, subsidies on personal tool purchases

Opportunities for advancement: Precision manufacturing is a high-growth industry with career paths that allow advancement to positions such as production supervisor or production manager

Why I like my job: "I perform precision machining tasks that require intricate and detailed work, utilizing manual and CNC equipment. Each job is challenging and different, and I learn new methods and processes on each job that I perform. I work with a team of dedicated and skilled professionals who work collaboratively to produce high-quality parts and components. My job provides me with the opportunity for continuous learning, and there is room for career advancement and higher wages. I work in a high-technology industry that is continuing to grow and prosper. I am excited about my career in the industry, and see a bright and rewarding future ahead."