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FluorTubing U.S.A. to Expand and Begin First U.S. Production



By James Roberts, Central Kentucky News Journal

Campbellsville has gained 25 jobs and a trip to Mars. Gov. Steve Beshear's office announced that FluorTubing USA will open a manufacturing facility in Campbellsville. The announcement coincided with news that the company will manufacture tubes to be used on NASA's Mars probe to be launched in 2010. FluorTubing USA, a manufacturer of Polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon(r)) plastic tubing, will move part of its manufacturing operations to Campbellsville from its subsidiary company - FluorTubing B.V. of Utrecht, The Netherlands. The \$1.1 million investment will allow the company to move from distributing into manufacturing. It will be located in the 48,000-square-foot former Air Safety building on Industrial Drive. "FluorTubing USA's decision to bring this investment back to the commonwealth is a testament to the many advantages Kentucky offers companies competing in the global marketplace," Beshear stated in a press release. "The Taylor County workforce and strong com-

munity leadership no doubt played a vital role in making this project possible. "In fact, FluorTubing USA President Jack Wisdom stated in the release that the company could have been located in North Carolina had it not been for the efforts of local officials. "Thanks to the state and local officials for helping make this transition effortless," he stated. "An extra thanks to Taylor County Judge/ Executive Eddie Rogers who started working to get us to Campbellsville from the inception. Without his initial contact, this business would have been located in Asheville, N.C. and not in Campbellsville, Ky." Wisdom said he has been in the Teflon business for 20 years, working in Western Kentucky, Texas and North Carolina. His job took him to China and throughout Europe. All the while, the Breeding native wanted to come back home. "I've dreamed of coming back home for 25 years," Wisdom said. "There is absolutely no place like home." Wisdom formed FluorTubing USA with FluorTubing B.V. CEO Alex Soeterbroek a few years ago. "It's grown so fast in the last year and a half," he said. FluorTub-

ing's products are used in biopharmaceuticals, chemical synthesized pharmaceuticals and chemical processing as well as in automotive, aerospace and many other products in North America and Asia. The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority preliminarily approved the company for tax benefits up to \$325,000 under the Kentucky Rural Economic Development Act, an incentive program designed to increase manufacturing employment and investment in the state. While light manufacturing has already begun at the Campbellsville facility, Wisdom said, production will be fully under way once additions to the property are complete. Wisdom said FluorTubing USA will hire 25 employees, with more hires expected down the line. Wisdom said that the staff could grow to as many as 75 within the next couple of years. "We are very excited to have FluorTubing USA's foreign direct investment in our community," stated Ron McMahan, executive director of Team Taylor County. "Their expansion will further diversify our local economy and enhance our excellent quality of life."

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INFAC Corporation

INFAC Corporation Holds Grand Opening and Tree Planting Ceremony

Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development Commissioner for New Business Development J. R. Wilhite joined company and community officials to celebrate their grand opening and tree planting ceremony in Campbellsville. Their \$500,000 foreign direct investment is INFAC Corporation's first in

the commonwealth. The company anticipates creating 75 jobs at full employment.

Founded in 1969 and headquartered in Ansan, Korea, Infac has become a leading manufacturer of products and services for the OEM automotive market. Major product lines include: mechanical

control cables, ignition cables, battery cables, electronic actuators and solenoids, electronic switches, mechanical actuators and antennas. They employ 2,000 people in seven locations worldwide. Annual revenue exceeds \$175 million. Major U.S. customers are Chrysler, GM, Hyundai and Kia.



From Left: Orest Iwasiuk, President INFAC North America; J.R. Wilhite, Commissioner for New Business Development, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development; Mark Johnson, Chairman Campbellsville-Taylor County Economic Development Authority Board; Ron McMahan, Executive Director Team Taylor County; Ohe Gil Choi, CEO and Chairman INFAC Corporation; Inja Jung; Eddie Rogers, Taylor County Judge Executive; Brenda Allen, Mayor City of Campbellsville



Jay Choi, Director North American Operations INFAC Corporation, presented an overview of INFAC Corporation history, products and global customers.



From left: Jay Choi, Director North American Operations INFAC Corporation; Ron McMahan, Executive Director Team Taylor County; Mark Johnson, Chairman Campbellsville-Taylor County Economic Development Authority Board; Eddie Rogers, Taylor County Judge Executive; Ohe Gil Choi, CEO and Chairman INFAC Corporation; J.R. Wilhite, Commissioner for New Business Development; Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development; Brenda Allen, Mayor City of Campbellsville; Orest Iwasiuk, President INFAC North America

Chris Reynolds retires from Economic Development Board



Ron McMahan, Executive Director of Team Taylor County, presents a gift from the Campbellsville-Taylor County Economic Development Authority Board to Chris Reynolds for his ten years of service on the board. Reynolds, an original appointee to the EDA Board in April 1998, served three terms. Reynolds, President of Campbellsville Apparel Company, LLC, was serving as Secretary-Treasurer for the board when his current term ended in June 2008.



Murakami Announces Award of Major Contract with Honda and Toyota

Murakami recently was awarded a major contract to supply exterior mirrors to Honda for the 2011 Odyssey. This contract is in addition to recent significant contract awards from Toyota for the Highlander and Lexus platforms. Murakami has experienced aggressive growth since production initially began in 2001.

“We are pleased and excited to see the positive growth that continues at Mura-

kami Manufacturing,” said Paula Lillard, Vice-President of Murakami Manufacturing. “When we located to Campbellsville in 2001, Murakami employed 6 people. Today, we employ 300 people at this location, and the growth continues.”

“This announcement emphasizes the importance of our future with Honda once again,” said Eric Thompson, Sales Manager. “We’re excited to know that

Murakami Manufacturing has found success here in south central Kentucky, and we know that this expansion will benefit Taylor County and the region.”

MMUS is an OEM supplier of exterior and interior automotive mirrors to Toyota, Lexus, Honda, Nissan and Hyundai that has invested over \$34,000,000 in capital expenditures to date.

Campbellsville University Technology Training Center Conducts Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) Training

Campbellsville University Technology Training Center conducted its first training in Programmable Logic Controller (PLC). The training is designed to familiarize maintenance associates with the troubleshooting aspect of a PLC. Participants gained an understanding of how PLC's interact with electromechanical devices such as switch contactors and sensing devices allowing the participant to be more effective at troubleshooting PLC and electromechanical devices. The three main subjects of the training included: locate and replace faulty components, use test equipment to test circuits, and I/O fault finding of out of world components and how they interact.



Campbellsville University Named to U.S News and World Report's Best College Guide

By Joan C. McKinney, CU news and publications coordinator

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. – For the second year in a row, Campbellsville University has been ranked 22nd by *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges" in the 2009 Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the South category. The 22nd ranking is the highest ranking the university has ever received in 16 consecutive years of rankings.

"It is a great accomplishment to be ranked in the top 25 of Best Baccalaureate Colleges," according to an announcement from Campbellsville University President Michael V. Carter.

This year's ranking recognizes the "colleges that are helping students be successful and stay in school," according to an announcement from Campbellsville University President Michael V. Carter.

"It is an honor to be recognized for providing students with an excellent educational experience," Carter said. "Our freshmen retention rate went up one point, and the percentage of incoming freshmen in the top 25 percent of their high school class went up two points," he said.

"We are proud of both as we prepare the next generation of servant leaders during our second century of Christian higher education," Carter said.

Carter said the rankings "recognize significant progress and achievement at the university especially in the area of service to students."

Carter said CU's innovative program called FIRST CLASS, a freshman year experience that emphasizes character, leadership and stewardship, has freshmen with a program that will help them in their college career and in life.

Campbellsville University recently received a \$399,800 grant through the U.S. Department of Education's Strengthening Institutions Program. Funds will be used to improve achievement and retention during the first two years of students' academic careers.

"This Title III grant, which was announced by Congressman Ron Lewis, R-Ky., will allow us to concentrate on improving our academic support area where we will put programs in place to help our students be successful," Carter said.

CU will receive a total of about \$1.8 mil-

lion over a five-year period for the "servant leaders program."

Another recent grant, of \$10,000 from the Rowland Foundation, will provide 10 scholarships for full-time students who have completed the university's Summer Education Experience (SEE) Program for at-risk students.

"The SEE Program is an important one as we seek to help these students have a great educational experience as they begin their college career with us," he said.

Among the improvements in academics is the addition of new master's programs and new endorsements.

Campbellsville University now has 15 master's programs that include: master of arts in education, master of arts in special education, master of arts in music, master of arts in social sciences, master of business administration, master of science in counseling, master of music in church music, master of music in music education, master of teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL), master of theology, master of social work, master of music in musicology, master of music in conducting, master of music in piano pedagogy and master of music in performance, plus rank I and endorsement in gifted and talented education, endorsement in English as a Second Language and director of special education certification.

"We anticipate new undergraduate and graduate programs to be available to meet the growing socio-economic demands of our area and the Commonwealth," Carter said.

"CU has a proud tradition of academic excellence in a Christian context," said Carter. "Student satisfaction is a priority, not only in the classroom, but for their co-curricular experience."

Other changes to Campbellsville University's campus include a recent groundbreaking for a new School of Education building, an upcoming groundbreaking for a new School of Business building, the completion of the new 12,000-square-foot facility and new landscaping throughout the campus.

This is the first year of use for the Gosser Gymnasium which is used for the university's wrestling program and also has a walking track for students, faculty and staff use.

"We will continue to make quality Christian higher education affordable throughout the Commonwealth as we continue to reach students throughout the United States and internationally during her next 100 years," Carter said.

"Alumni of Campbellsville University, too, should be pleased with this announcement as this validates the strong education they received at CU," said Carter.

"Needless to say, we are pleased with this ranking among the South's best baccalaureate universities," Carter said.

Academic institutions are categorized by their mission and region with the gathering of data from each of 12 indicators of academic excellence. The schools are ranked against their peers, according to scores given by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Factors contributing to the ranking formula for baccalaureate schools are: peer assessment score, graduation and retention rates, class sizes, student/faculty ratio, percentage of full-time faculty, student ACT/SAT scores and high school grades, acceptance rate and alumni giving.

"Campbellsville University has a theme of 'find your calling' that exemplifies what Campbellsville University means to our students. We feel it is the epitome of what a Christian education at Campbellsville University can provide for our students as we prepare the next generation of Christian servant leaders," Carter said.

Campbellsville University is a private, comprehensive institution located in South Central Kentucky. Founded in 1906, Campbellsville University is affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and has an enrollment of 2,405 students who represent 98 Kentucky counties, 25 states and 36 foreign nations. Listed in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2008 "America's Best Colleges," CU is ranked 22nd in "Best Baccalaureate Colleges" in the South and eighth in the South for "Great Schools, Great Prices." CU has been ranked 15 consecutive years with *U.S. News & World Report*. The university has also been named to America's Best Christian Colleges®. Campbellsville University is located 82 miles southwest of Lexington, Ky., and 80 miles southeast of Louisville, Ky. Dr. Michael V. Carter is in his tenth year as president.

Secretary Helen Mountjoy speaks at Chamber Luncheon

By James Roberts, Central Kentucky News Journal

When it comes to industrial recruitment, Kentucky can't always offer the lavish incentives other states can. But what it can offer is perhaps the most crucial incentive.

"Our biggest incentive is our people," Helen Mountjoy, secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, told Campbellsville/Taylor County Chamber of Commerce members during that group's luncheon earlier this month.

Mountjoy's background in education and economic matters is extensive. She served as vice-president of the Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corp., served on the Kentucky Board of Education for 15 years including six years as chair, served on the Daviess County School Board, was founding chair of the Daviess County Education Foundation and was a member of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Postsecondary Education Task Force, the Partnership for Successful Schools Board of Directors and the Kentucky Legislature's Taskforce on Teacher Quality.

In December, Mountjoy accepted her

current post as secretary of the Education Cabinet. It was an opportunity she said she couldn't resist. "The opportunities that Kentucky has in front of it are really exciting," Mountjoy said. In May, the Workforce Development Cabinet was added to her duties. Mountjoy said the two cabinets compliment one another well. "The most important incentive any community can offer is a well-educated, well-trained workforce."

Today, Mountjoy said, getting ready for the work place is different. In years past, a single skill set would suffice. In an ever-evolving workforce, people must have multiple skill sets in order to meet the needs of their employers.

Mountjoy said there is a gap between what people need and what workforce training is being offered. That said, Kentucky's schools haven't failed. "They were set up to train a workforce for the 20th Century," Mountjoy said. "A lot has changed in 50 years." Mountjoy said the state must begin looking forward and train future workforces for problem solving, analytical thinking and teamwork, among other things.

At the state level, Mountjoy said, she is trying to bring leaders together to work on the issue of building a stronger workforce. Part of the process involves

sacrifice. "We all have to give up a little bit of something important to us to build a stronger system." Mountjoy said a perfect example of keeping up with the times occurred at Kentucky State University.

KSU President Mary Evans Sias was concerned about the amount of time the college's basketball team spent on the road. She wanted to find a way to reach out to students when they were away from the classroom. Walking around campus, Sias noticed that a great number of students were wearing headphones and she decided that the school should offer podcasts - digital audio available for download.

The idea took off, Mountjoy said, as students embraced KSU podcasts. "Things have changed and if we don't keep up with the changes, we run the risk of losing our children along the way." Mountjoy said her goal is to not just get Kentuckians in college, but to help them succeed. Mountjoy encouraged the Chamber crowd to get involved, sharing their own innovative business ideas with teachers and encouraging their employees to continue their education. "Schools need your knowledge and commitment. You will get a return on your investment."



From Left: Mike Judd, President Chamber of Commerce; Helen Mountjoy, Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet; Judy Cox, Director Chamber of Commerce; Ron McMahan, Executive Director Team Taylor County (Campbellsville University photo by Linda Waggener)