



Mike Valoski, secondary foreman, demonstrates to students how springs are made on the machines.

### Ace Wire Spring & Form

Over the past seven years Ace Wire Spring & Form in McKees Rock, Pennsylvania (just outside Pittsburgh) has participated in MFG DAY by inviting local high school and college students down to its shop to learn more about career opportunities in manufacturing. This year the company signed up to be a part of the Manufacturing Innovation Challenge, a program that brings together the brightest minds of tomorrow's workforce with southwestern Pennsylvania companies to engage in hands-on improvement projects.

Ace Wire Spring & Form is working with a local high school and their engineering students to develop a marketing plan for one of the company's products called the SuperClip.

In the fall of 2021, nine students and one teacher took a tour of Ace Wire and to have the opportunity to see springs and wireforms being manufactured. Afterward, the students met with the company's sales engineer and secondary foreman to answer questions and to learn more about career opportunities in the manufacturing industry.

"As we work with these students over the next few months, we hope to provide



Bob Powner, sales engineer (right), and Mike Valoski, secondary foreman, talk with the students about the manufacturing industry and the career opportunities available.

a fulfilling learning experience offering fresh perspectives and ideas on the attractive career opportunities the manufacturing industry offers," explained John Higgins, marketing manager at Ace Wire Spring & Form.

**For more information on MFG Day, visit [creatorswanted.org/mfgday](https://creatorswanted.org/mfgday).**



High school engineering students and their technology education/engineering teacher outside the Ace Wire headquarters in McKees Rock, Pennsylvania.