

OCC to train Dana workers at Auburn Hills

The Michigan-based Dana Corp. has selected Oakland Community College to provide a special certificate and degree training program for the company's employees, OCC president Robert F. Roelofs announced.

Dana is an international leader in the manufacture of components for vehicular and industrial markets. It is one of the corporations cited for outstanding management practices in the recent

best-seller "In Search of Excellence". Developed by OCC's private-sector outreach service, the Business and Professional Institute (BPI), the innovative program will enable selected Dana employees from throughout the country to earn a specially designed associate degree in manufacturing technology at OCC.

Last month, 17 employees completed the first two courses of the curriculum

sequence during a three-week period of intensive study. They will return in October to take three more classes. It is expected that those seeking degrees will complete their course work in about three years.

"MANUFACTURING technology is the leading approach for realizing the automated workplace of the future," said BPI Director Carol Stencel.

"It draws on developments in technical disciplines such as robotics, numerical control machining, and computer-aided design and combines them in a way that moves the process of manufacturing a generation forward. GM's new Saturn Plant will fully utilize this concept."

Dana Corp. has established the achievement of manufacturing technology in its facilities as the primary goal of Project 90, a company plan designed

to maintain the corporation's preeminent position throughout the next decade.

According to Dana sources, OCC was chosen from a nationwide field of 15 leading educational institutions. The reasons: its facilities, hands-on experience in state-of-the-art technology and record of success in providing training programs to the auto industry.

CLASSES WILL be held at the college's Auburn Hills Campus, 2900 Featherstone Road.

It boasts a new high-technology instruction and exhibit center, computer-assisted design classrooms, and facilities for a number of other technical programs, including alternate energy, electronics, diesel truck and heavy equipment technology.

The campus also offers a wide range of university transfer classes and career programs in the business office, public service and the health science fields.

The Auburn Hills Campus borders the 1,800-acre Oakland Technology Park, a rapidly developing office research and industrial complex that promises to accelerate the region's economic growth in the coming decade.

THE DANA manufacturing program is designed to meet the informational needs of several types of employees. Engineers may choose specific courses in order to update themselves; technicians who finish the core courses specified in the curriculum outline will earn a certificate of completion. Employees wishing to earn the full associate degree will complete the entire range of core and general education classes.

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BPI Director

OCC summer star: dancer Lisa Nowak

The top figure in the Harbinger Dance Company will be the featured faculty attraction at Oakland Community College's Summer Camp in the Arts and Sciences.

Lisa Nowak, Harbinger's artistic director, choreographer and founder, will teach ballet and modern dance at OCC's camp for students 6-18 on the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

Classes will meet July 8-26 and Aug. 5-23. Registration is in progress. Information is available from OCC at 471-7595.

After studying modern dance, ballet and dance composition at the Juilliard School of Music in New York City, Nowak earned a bachelor's degree in ballet in 1982 from Adelphi University. Her post-graduate work was at Sarah Lawrence College with further studies at the Martha Graham School.

The Polish government in 1984 awarded her a grant to teach contemporary dance. She created several works for Polish television and a festival in Warsaw.

Back in Detroit in 1986, she taught at Detroit Community Music School and founded her professional troupe, Harbinger, in 1970. She has gained national recognition for her works "Night Dances," "Solstice" and "Three Japanese Dances." Nowak also has staged ballets in Ohio, Kansas, South Carolina and Guatemala.



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