

A photograph showing two men in a workshop. On the left, a Black man with safety glasses and a dark t-shirt is looking towards the right. On the right, a white man with safety glasses and a dark polo shirt is pointing at a computer monitor. The monitor displays a technical interface with a graph and various data points. In the background, there are industrial machines and equipment.

JUMPSTART

YOUR TEEN'S COLLEGE AND CAREER

Graduation is coming. How are you going to help your student answer the question “what’s next?”

A photograph of a man and a woman in a workshop. The man, on the left, is wearing a dark blue polo shirt and jeans, and is holding a large, complex metal part. The woman, on the right, is wearing a light blue polo shirt and dark jeans, and is looking at the metal part. They are both focused on their work.

A distinctive career path that is just as unique as they are.

You chose an alternative to public education for your teen's high school experience. Maybe you wanted a path that was less mainstream and better fit their interests. Or maybe you wanted your teen to have a more tailored learning experience, and not be measured by state standard testing. Whatever the reason, you chose a different path for high school — the right path for your teen.

Why not do the same for college?

*Students in Guilford County are discovering
a different way forward:*

Apprenticeship.

If you want to
**HELP YOUR
TEEN ...**

- *Earn a college degree without taking on thousands of dollars in debt*
- *Pursue a self-supporting and promising career path*
- *Explore career goals and get the certifications needed to achieve them*
- *Develop locally in-demand skills based on their natural gifts and interests*

*...then you should explore apprenticeship and see
what opportunities it offers your student.*

Apprenticeship is just the beginning to a great career.

BUT IS IT RIGHT FOR YOUR TEEN?



Not everyone will choose this path,
but your teen isn't everyone.



WHAT OTHER PARENTS ARE SAYING

ABOUT APPRENTICESHIP.

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Garrett felt early on that a vocational path was the way to go ... The GAP apprenticeship program offers him career and life skills. He's a member of a team in a real work environment and people are counting on him. He gets exposure to how to take criticism, how to take ownership, and how to act professionally.”

Frank Stefanick,
father of Garrett Stefanick,

First-Year Apprentice with Brady Services and
a senior at Northern Guilford High School

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We heard about the GAP program from Garrison's high school counselor; he knew Garrison wanted to be an engineer and the apprenticeship program could help him get there. Now he has his associate degree and when he does go on to UNC Charlotte to finish his bachelor's degree in engineering, he already has all of this on-the-job training through GAP and MSI. We're big fans of the GAP program. To see these young people, and how they've grown into very mature individuals with a great start in life...From the beginning to the end of the journey, I really hated to see it was over.”

Pam Weavil, mother of Garrison Weavil,
employee of MSI, Inc., graduate of the GAP program
and Guilford Technical Community College

**Ready to help them take the first step to become
a next-generation leader?**

1

**Talk to your teen
about apprenticeship
and if they would
like to explore this
opportunity.**

2

**Attend a virtual
company tour**

Speak with a representative and
learn more about how apprenticeship
can impact your teen's future.

3

Apply

Take the next step and learn more
about our application process at
gapnc.org/apply

**Your teen will continue to find success at GAP.
We want to support you as you decide the best path forward, together.**