

The MiLL

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The MiLL was honored to host WilsonArt presenting their Fabrication University this October. WilsonArt sent a crew of eight to run an all-day event for approximately 120 MiLL students. There were four sessions the students participated in; Adhesives and Glue, Laminate, Solid Surface, and Compact Laminate/Phenolic. Every student had an opportunity for classroom learning as well as hands-on learning.

In the Laminate session, students sprayed contact adhesive on a substrate and laminate, and used a trim router to clean up the edges of their laminate, creating a 16"x16" countertop they could take home.

In Solid surfaces; students learned how WilsonArt manufactures solid surface countertops, and the uses and applications for the material, along with specialized jigs for trimming and shaping solid surface.

Adhesives and Glue gave students the opportunity to spray water based glue out of a pressure pot, and learned how wood glue works to make a bond stronger than the wood itself.

The compact laminate/phenolic session held the most information with students learning about router bits and chip load, saw blades and feed rates as well as getting hands on with the routers to practice what they learned.

The Fabrication University event at The MiLL was a huge success. Our students were fortunate enough to participate in the first WilsonArt FabU for high school. The students were grateful for the opportunity and look forward to future events with WilsonArt and other industry partners.



Coming up at The MiLL is our 2nd Academy training early November. We are looking forward to training teachers and administrators in our curriculum, and how they can partner with industry to build manufacturing in the United States. For more information about our Academy training, please visit our website www.themillco.org/academy