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Internship, vocational education, dual studies – 9 career starters at b+m

On August 1st 2013, b+m welcomed five trainees, two students and two FOS annual interns. In this year, a mechatronics technician, an industrial manager, a technical product designer, an industrial mechanic and an IT specialist for systems integration started their apprenticeship at the Eiterfeld based manufacturer of painting plants. For the third year in succession, b+m also offers dual studies courses and sends two bachelor students in mechanical engineering to the Schilde campus in Bad Hersfeld. Particularly satisfying: Sophia Rosenthal is the first female student at b+m to attend the dual studies programme. Both interns complete a 1-year internship in industrial management.

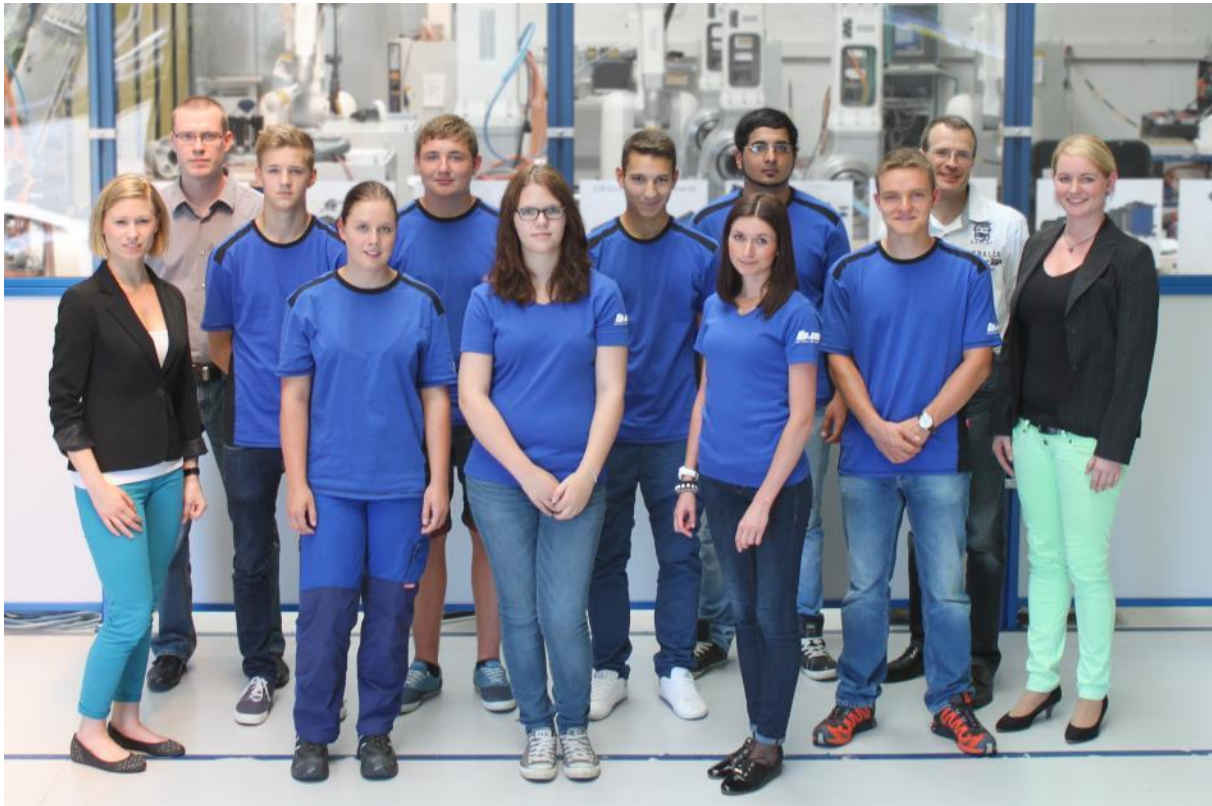
The first training day started with the official item of the agenda. After the welcome address, the career starters received their employee folders and further important information about the company and their vocational training. During the subsequent company tour, the young employees already met many of their new colleagues. Specifically exciting are always the visits in the robot manufacturing and the laboratory, an in-house painting plant for R&D, tests and training. There, the young men and women gathered 'live' impressions on the design and functionality of a painting plant. And as a highlight, everybody was able to take over control of a painting robot.

Patience was the key on the next item of the agenda. Seven puzzles, each showing a specific area or system of a painting plant, had to be solved, correctly assigned and eventually stuck at the right place on a layout of a painting plant.

At early afternoon, after a refreshment break, the young employees were welcomed by their supervisors and instructed at their new workstations.

The first training day passed very quickly, and after the closing remarks at 4 p.m. everybody received a small gift.

In the recent years, b+m's healthy order situation resulted in a strong and sustainable growth. Meanwhile, the company has around 230 employees, and currently trains 18 apprentices in seven professions, as well as nine students in mechanical and electrical engineering.

Pictures/captions:

b+m's new trainees, interns and students (in blue shirts), from left: Janik Rumpeltes (industrial mechanic), Sophia Rosenthal (dual studies mechanical engineering), Bastian Wiegand und Anna Vogt (both FOS interns in industrial management), Johannes Jost (technical product designer), Iana Gischler (industrial manager), Najam Ali (mechatronics technician), Niklas Schade (IT specialist for systems integration) and Markus Elter (dual studies mechanical engineering, not illustrated), and the b+m "career team", from left: Katharina Anschütz (human resources), Alexander Poster (marketing), Christian Jost (commercial manager) und Christine Loos (educational supervisor).

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