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## **Internship, vocational education, dual studies – 13 career starters at b+m surface systems**

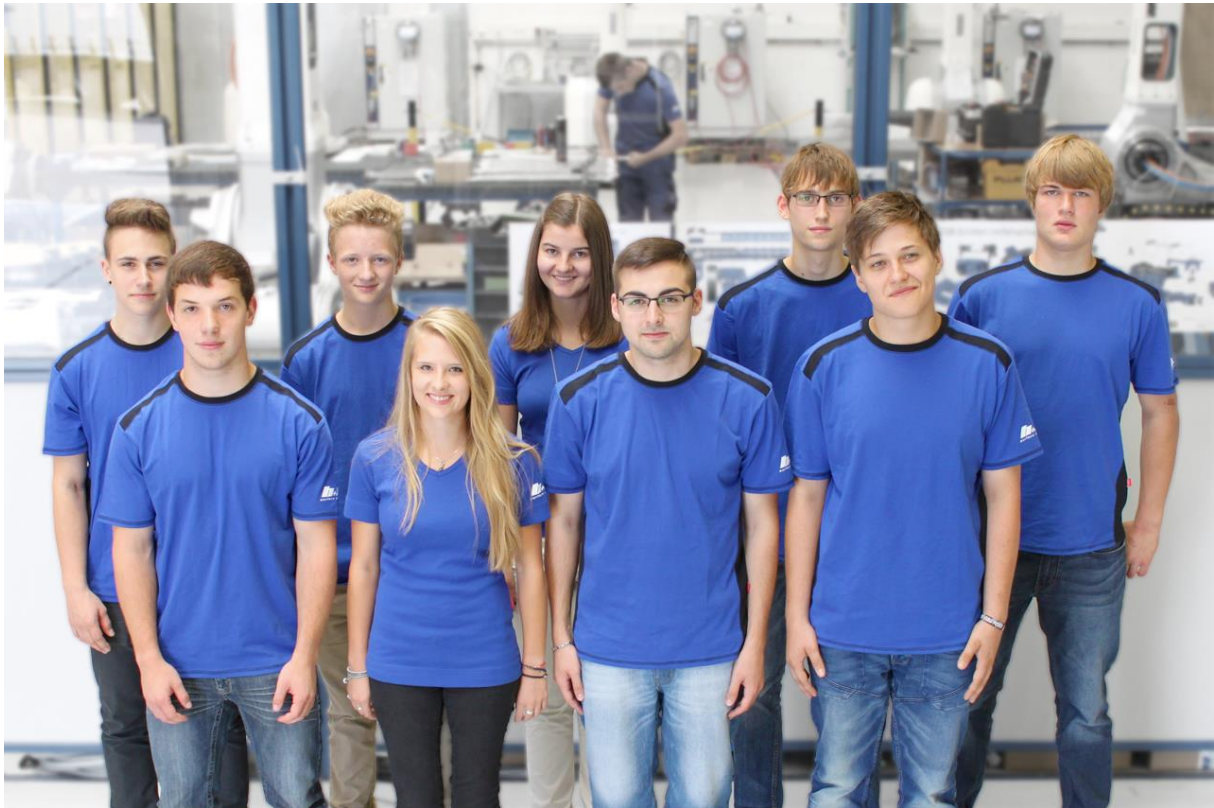
On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, b+m welcomed seven trainees, three students and three FOS annual interns. In this year, a mechatronics technician, an industrial manager, a technical product designer, an industrial mechanic, two electronics technicians for industrial systems and an IT specialist for systems integration started their apprenticeship at the Eiterfeld based manufacturer for painting plants. For the fourth year in succession, b+m also offers dual studies courses and sends two bachelor students in mechanical engineering as well as a bachelor student in electrical engineering to the Schilde campus in Bad Hersfeld. All three interns complete a 1-year internship in industrial management and IT respectively.

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.

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 past years, b+m's healthy order situation resulted in a strong and sustainable growth. Meanwhile, the company counts more than 280 employees, and currently trains 19 apprentices in six professions, as well as eight students in mechanical and electrical engineering.

**Pictures/captions:**

Start of training 2014 – Welcome to b+m, from left: Janik Weiche (FOS intern in industrial management), Marvin Oehm (mechatronics technician), Niels Quanz (FOS intern IT), Antonia Becker (industrial manager), Marina Lange (FOS intern in industrial management), Daniel Neubauer (IT specialist for systems integration), Nils Wiesenthal (electronics technician for industrial systems), Marvin Janowitz (technical product designer), Niklas Papke (electronics technician for industrial systems), and - not illustrated - Tom André Maczkowicz (industrial mechanic), Sascha Wettlaufer and Adrian Schäfer (both dual bachelor students in mechanical engineering) as well as Michael Kircher (dual bachelor student in electrical engineering).

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