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City celebrates seven graduates of Lean Six Sigma Black Belt training

The Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism (DOEDT), in partnership with GENEDGE, hosted the Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Certification Training (LSSBB) for professionals and businesses in the city of Danville and jointly owned industrial parks in Danville and Pittsylvania County, August – November. Seven professionals graduated from the course on November 14, 2025.

LSSBB Training equips professionals with the advanced tools, techniques, and leadership skills needed to lead impactful projects that reduce waste, enhance efficiency, and improve quality across operations. Sessions were held at the Institute for Advanced Learning & Research, 150 Slayton Avenue, Danville.

This training was tailored to provide professional development to those in the manufacturing, services, government, education, and healthcare sectors, and other fields. Course topics included advanced statistical analysis, process mapping and improvement, root cause analysis, design of experiments, project management for continuous improvement, control charting, and developing effective strategies for sustainable operational excellence.

Graduates include Robert Jacob Campos of FasTech; Wesley Cifers of the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research; Emily Eanes of EBI; Stewart East of the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research; Jacob Johnson of Intertape Polymer Group; Dennis Kalz of Intertape Polymer Group; and Andrew Williams of the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research.

“This training reflects our commitment to developing a high-performance workforce that drives innovation across Danville’s key industries,” said DOEDT Assistant Director Kelvin Perry. “We’re proud to support professionals who are leading the charge in transforming how our organizations operate and compete.”

Jacob Johnson, LSSBB training participant, said, “I am thankful to see opportunities for training like this coming to Danville with all the recent economic development happening in our area. As a Continuous Improvement Leader, I am always looking to improve my own skill set in

manufacturing to reduce waste, improve efficiency and make the plant a better place for our employees to work. Learning about value stream mapping, single and multi-variable correlation tools as well as structured problem-solving techniques with my colleagues in manufacturing has been great, and I look forward to further applying these tools in my facility.”



To learn more about upcoming training opportunities, events, and workshops, visit <https://www.discoverdanville.com/>.

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About the Office of Economic Development & Tourism

The Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism recruits and retains businesses for the Danville area. The office provides information on available sites and buildings, incentives and other financial resources and offers a website designed for the business community: www.discoverdanville.com.