



Spring & Summer Internship Updates

APC's Spring and Summer 2025, internship program was a success, bringing together **71 talented students** from **18 diverse majors** to collaborate with our valued partners. Their hard work and dedication delivered remarkable results, saving partnering companies an impressive **\$13.4 million in impacts**. Even more exciting, one intern secured a full-time position through these opportunities, showcasing the program's role in fostering career growth and real-world success. We're proud of our interns' contributions and look forward to driving even greater impact in future projects!



Spring & Summer Impact Data

- 1 Job Created
- 3 Jobs Retained
- \$13,441,832 impacts
- 71 Students
- 14 Colleges
- 39 Clients
- 18 Different Majors

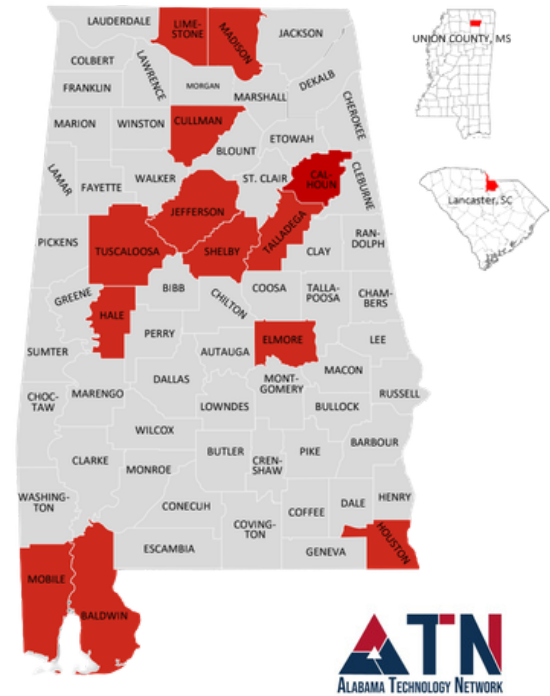
Company Partners

This summer, APC proudly partnered with **39 dynamic clients** to spark student passion for their chosen professions.. We're thrilled to see these partnerships flourish and make a lasting impact! Thank you, partners , for choosing APC!

Counties Served

In Spring and Summer 2025, the Alabama Productivity Center (APC) **served 13 Alabama counties**—Tuscaloosa, Mobile, Limestone, Madison, Jefferson, Calhoun, Cullman, Shelby, Talladega, Elmore, Houston, Baldwin, and Hale—as well as one Mississippi county and one South Carolina county. Partnering with the Alabama Technology Network, the APC provided technical assistance, workforce development, and hands-on solutions to improve productivity and efficiency for businesses and organizations across these regions.

Through its internship program, APC placed highly skilled students in these counties, giving them valuable real-world experience while helping companies address operational challenges.



Upcoming Training Events

ISO 9001 Internal Auditor Training

Join APC for an engaging training focused on ISO 9001 Internal Auditor Training. This session is a great opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of internal auditing principles, strengthen your knowledge of quality management systems, and learn how to contribute to continual improvement within your organization. Whether you're new to auditing or looking to refresh your skills, this informative session is designed to support your growth!

Where: Innovation Portal
358 St Louis St, Mobile, AL 36601
Dates: October 29 & 30, 2025
Times: 8am - 4pm
(Lunch provided)

UA Civil Engineering Intern Delivers \$1M+ Impact at M&H Valve Company



Mamade Conneh, a Civil Engineering student at The University of Alabama, spent the summer of 2025 interning with M&H Valve Company (McWane), located in Anniston, Alabama, where he played a key role in improving quality assurance and laboratory operations. Mamade's projects centered on improving work instructions, reducing testing backlogs, and evaluating new equipment purchases. By shadowing experienced technicians and learning through hands-on practice, he quickly built the knowledge needed to contribute meaningful improvements to the foundry's testing processes.



Left: Jace Astorga (Quality Engineer)
Middle: Mamade Conneh (Quality Engineer Intern)
Right: Akinlolu Akinsanya (Quality Control Supervisor)

Using Excel to track and analyze both physical and chemistry data, Mamade created clear, step-by-step work instructions for laboratory technicians. These documents not only reduced variability in day-to-day operations but also accelerated the onboarding of new lab technicians. His efforts in streamlining lab operations are projected to reduce labor costs, while improving consistency and safety in testing.

In addition to his work on documentation and process improvements, Mamade took the initiative to research equipment upgrades. He analyzed options for a new lathe machine dedicated to turning test bars, balancing cost, functionality, and ease of use. His well-prepared proposal, including a cost-benefit analysis, was approved for budgeting in the upcoming fiscal year, reflecting his ability to connect technical solutions with financial impact.

Total Impacts:
\$1,002,891

“Mamade's contributions were outstanding. He authored comprehensive work procedures, streamlined training, and pitched an innovative equipment solution that will save the company thousands annually. He is a rising star with tremendous potential.”

-Barry Weaver, Foundry Manager

ABOUT APC



APC's Story:

In an effort to improve economic development in the state of Alabama, the Alabama Productivity Center was established on January 1, 1986, on the University of Alabama campus. The mission of the APC is to focus research and educational resources on the enhancement of productivity and quality within Alabama businesses and the state's industry. The Alabama Productivity Center, a non-profit organization, is an outcome of a 1983 joint venture of the University of Alabama and General Motors to save a Tuscaloosa GM plant from closing. The positive experience utilizing university faculty and students to save Alabama jobs led to the establishment and sponsorship by Alabama Power Company and The University of Alabama.

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