

PRESS RELEASE

Kevin Krappmann awarded the Günter Schwank Prize for training performance



On July 2, 2021, Kevin Krappmann (front right with certificate) was awarded the Günter Schwank Prize on the premises of the Dr. Schneider Unternehmensgruppe in Kronach-Neuses. At the ceremony, Klaus-Uwe Reiß (Chairman of pro-K Industrieverband Halbzeuge und Konsumprodukte aus Kunststoff e.V.), Stefanie Dietzel (Head of DS. ACADEMY), Thomas Piontek (Injection Molding Technology Instructor), Alexander Lang (Head of the Rehau branch of the Hof - Stadt und Land Vocational School Center), Thomas Stadelmann (CEO), Bernd Tschernitschek (Head of Industrial-Technical Training), Kevin Krappmann (winner of the Günter Schwank Award), Malte Mornhart (Managing Director Commercial), Parag Shah (Managing Director Sales, Marketing, Program Management & Purchasing), Stefan Knoll (Managing Director Technology) and Ralf Olsen (Managing Director of pro-K Industrieverband Halbzeuge und Konsumprodukte aus Kunststoff e. V.) (from left).

Award ceremony on the premises of the Dr. Schneider Unternehmensgruppe

Kronach-Neuses. Kevin Krappmann completed his training as a process mechanic for plastics and rubber technology as one of the ten best in Germany. He was awarded the prestigious Günter Schwank Prize for this achievement.

The Günter Schwank Award has been presented annually since 2000 to the ten best process mechanics for plastics and rubber technology. The prize is named after the pioneer and visionary of the plastics processing industry, Günter Schwank. In his functions as president and honorary president of the Gesamtverband Kunststoffverarbeitende Industrie e. V. (German Plastics Processing Industry Association) and as an honorary board member of the pro-K Industrieverband Halbzeuge und Konsumprodukte aus Kunststoff e. V. (German Plastics Semi-finished Products and Consumer Products Association), he was always committed to promoting young talent, which is regarded as a central pillar for the further development of the industry. The prize is endowed with a total of 5,000 euros.

Ralf Olsen, General Manager of the pro-K Industrieverband Halbzeuge und Konsumprodukte aus Kunststoff e. V. and responsible for education policy and vocational training in the plastics processing industry, presented Kevin Krappmann with the honorary certificate on the premises of the Dr. Schneider Unternehmensgruppe in Kronach-Neuses. A central component of the Günter Schwank Award, in addition to honoring Kevin Krappmann, is the recognition and appreciation of the company providing the training and the vocational school involved.

Background: Dr. Schneider Unternehmensgruppe

The Dr. Schneider Unternehmensgruppe, headquartered in Kronach-Neuses in Upper Franconia, Germany, has established itself as a specialist for first-class products in vehicle interiors - from innovative ventilation systems and sophisticated decorative trim to highly integrated trim and add-on components, intelligent storage systems and center consoles as well as mechatronic and electronic components. Last year, the Group generated sales of EUR 436 million with around 4,000 employees worldwide. Dr. Schneider is currently training six young adults to become process mechanics for plastics and rubber.

Thomas Stadelmann: "At Dr. Schneider, we would like to train even more if we could find more young people for our technical apprenticeships. Effectively counteracting the shortage of skilled workers will probably be the biggest challenge for us in the coming

The job profile

Plastics processing in Germany has only had its own training occupation since 1974: process mechanic for plastics and rubber technology. The training occupation is divided into 7 specializations. The versatile training usually lasts three years and is carried out in a dual mode consisting of in-company and school-based training. The training is divided into a general and a specific part: In the first part, general content is taught, such as the structure and organization of the training company, the procurement, production, sales and management of production materials and results, as well as information on occupational safety and health. In the second half of the apprenticeship, the trainees specialize in one of a total of seven areas: Molded parts, Semi-finished products, Multilayer rubber parts, Components, Fiber composite technology, Plastic windows, Compound and Masterbatch production. Following the apprenticeship, there are various options for further training to become an industrial foreman in the field of plastics and rubber or a plastics and rubber technician or - depending on previous training - to study to become a plastics engineer.

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Dr. Schneider Unternehmensgruppe | Short portrait

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