

# Novipax sponsors Grenada High in new 'Project Lead The Way'

Grenada High School was recently announced as a recipient of a \$35,000 grant from Project Lead The Way (PLTW) to implement the organization's premiere career learning curriculum for its students.

The new grant was made possible by a donation from Novipax, a Grenada company who leads in producing absorbent pads and foam trays and located in the Air Industrial Park.

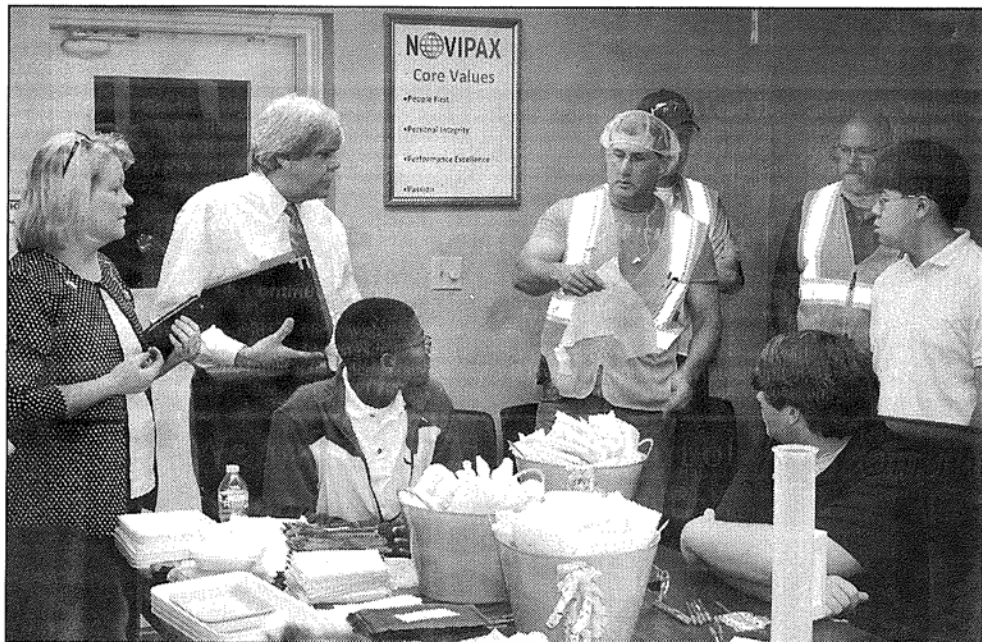
PLTW is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers across the United States. Through PLTW's pathway of engineering, computer science and biomedical science, K-12 students learn problem-solving strategies, critical and creative thinking, and how to communicate and collaborate. Students engage in hands-on learning and explore activities, projects, and problems reflective of real-world scenarios and careers. Grenada High School joins more than 9,000 schools across the U.S. in offering PLTW programs to its students.

"Project Lead The Way is a unique opportunity for our high school students to develop real-life STEM skills they'll need to succeed in the modern workforce," Dr. David Daigneault, Grenada School Superintendent said. "To be able to give our students this knowledge-via a proven model like PLTW and with hands-on partnership from Novipax - is a big deal, and we're thrilled to launch this program."

Novipax is the leading producer of absorbent pads and one of the top manufacturers of foam polystyrene trays in the United States. With end-to-end packaging and support services, Novipax serves more than 150 food processors, supermarkets and food-packaging distributors. Novipax serves processors, distributors and retailers. In addition they provide premium and innovative food pads and trays, enhanced by a total commitment to customer support.

Novipax operates five manufacturing facilities in Mississippi, Indiana, Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

"We're very excited to join forces



Engineering Instructor Sherry Worsham, Dr. David Daigneault, along with Cornelius Mayfield, Trace Harlow and Huey Chan, who are members of the Grenada High School engineering class, learn about Novipax and procedures from employees Wayne Procella, Justin Simmons and Terry Minter. Novipax is the leading producer of absorbent pads and one of the top manufacturers of foam polystyrene trays in the United States.

with PLTW and Grenada High School to help educate the next generation of manufacturing sector leaders," said Noel Leatherbury, VP HR and Customer Service of Novipax. "The PLTW curriculum is unique, inspiring students to embrace the subjects that are vital to our economic future. At Novipax, we're always looking for the next best innovation and so this partnership is a perfect fit. The new grant we're providing to GHS allows us at Novipax to enhance many young minds, and help shape the future, right here in the community we call home."

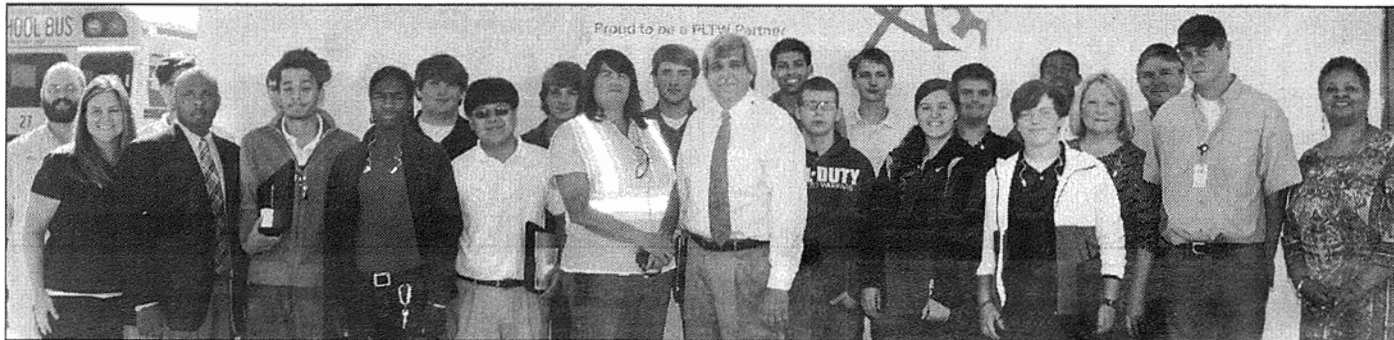
Leatherbury stressed that this is a new model of corporate partnership, whereby Novipax is not simply making a corporate decision. It is fostering the direct engagement of Novipax personnel at all levels of the company, in each aspect of the effort. Aspects include creating unique, hands-on learning opportunities via visits to the company's facility, participating in school-wide events and the development of a soon-to-be-formed PLTW/Novipax School Partnership Team.

The team will mentor students, connect with local officials, identify professional development channels and provide sup-

plies for the classroom.

Project Lead The Way is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers across the U.S. PLTW empowers students to develop and apply in-demand, transportable skills by exploring real-world challenges. Through our pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science, students not only learn technical skills, but also learn to solve problems, think critically and creatively, communicate, and collaborate.

Continued on Page 10



Grenada High School was awarded a \$35,000 grant from Project Lead The Way, a donation from Novipax, a Grenada company. The GHS engineering class toured the plant recently at the Air Industrial Park. Attendees of the tour were Matthew Gardner, Noel Leatherbury; Vice President of Human Resources at Novipax; Dawson Ballard, Ezzard Beane, George Miller, Dylan

Smith, Ty Williams, Trace Harlow, Huey Chan, Andrew Ferguson, Anita Haynes; Novipax's Production Manager, Drew Williams, Dr. David Daigneault, Dallin Foreman, Jacob Birdsong, Hunter Province, Sydnie Clements, Cas Britt, Riley Dale, Cornelius Mayfield, Engineer instructor Sherry Worsham, Novipax's Jeff Bailey, Justin Simmons and Marilyn Henson.

## Novipax partners with Grenada School district ...

Continued from Page 7

We also provide teachers with the training, resources, and support they need to engage students in real-world learning. More than 8,000 elementary, middle and high schools in all 50 states offer PLTW programs.

"Project Lead the Way is committed to provide a transformative educational experience that empowers students to prepare for and thrive in an evolving world," said PLTW President and CEO Vince Bertram. "We are grateful for the truly unique corporate partnership demonstrated by Novipax. Their approach, which involves

not only expanding access to PLTW programs in their local community through monetary support, but also the engagement of company leaders and associates, send a clear message. They are committed to career learning and to strengthening their community. In so doing, they will help spur the creation of tomorrow's innovators."

We are so proud to be a part of Grenada's Salute to Industry



Staffing Services

==== *Handling the Human Side of Business* ====

**Grenada Office**

142 S. Main St. • 226-9025

**Batesville Office**

103-11 Woodland Rd • 563-5888

**Greenwood Office**

209 Fulton St. • 453-1263

Stay connected with EMI Staffing



Visit our website @ [www.emistaffing.com](http://www.emistaffing.com)

*Our Family Serving Your Family*



**KNOWING YOUR LOVED ONES WON'T BE BURDENED WITH FINAL EXPENSES.**



*Clark Williams Funeral Home*

Consulting Service • Quality Merchandise • Economical Prices • Pre-Needs • Life Insurance  
602 Cherry Street • Grenada • Day or Night 662-226-3451

Serving Grenada & Surrounding Areas since 1946.