LACTALIS USA — Going PRO Talent Fund

The maintenance department at Lactalis USA's Reed City, Michigan, plant, where Yoplait yogurt is produced, plays a critical role in keeping plant operations running efficiently and reliably each day. To ensure a strong pipeline of skilled maintenance professionals for the future, the company continues to invest in employee development through its maintenance mechanic apprenticeship program. Ongoing training is essential for helping apprentices build technical expertise while staying current with evolving equipment, technologies, and industry best practices.



With support from the Going PRO Talent Fund (FY 2025), Lactalis USA received $14,000 to help offset the cost of classroom training for four maintenance mechanic USDOL Registered Apprentices. The related technical instruction was provided by Northwest State Community College and complemented the apprentices' hands-on learning in the workplace.

Through this training, the apprentices are developing the advanced skills and knowledge needed to become highly qualified maintenance mechanics. As they progress through the apprenticeship program, they will gain valuable experience that strengthens maintenance operations at the plant while building a strong foundation for careers in the skilled trades.

The investment benefits both the company and its employees. By developing talent from within, Lactalis USA is strengthening its operations while offering employees meaningful opportunities for professional growth. Through the program, apprentices build in-demand technical skills, work toward a nationally recognized USDOL apprenticeship credential, and gain hands-on experience that supports their continued development in the skilled trades.

This training initiative demonstrates how Going PRO Talent Fund support helps employers address workforce needs, strengthen employee retention, and build a skilled workforce prepared to meet future challenges.