

# VOICES OF INDUSTRY



**The ATE program is an excellent strategic initiative that leverages the strengths of community colleges to provide STEM graduates. It is an effective collaboration of industry, education, and government that ensures U.S. technicians have the education and advanced technology skills necessary to fuel the knowledge economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.**

*Cathleen Barton, U.S. Education Manager - Intel Corporation*



**ATE stresses what industry leaders value: strong technical programs, experiential learning models, and diverse workers as keys to global teaming, innovation, and solutions.**

*Donald L. McCoy, Program Manager - IBM Multicultural People In Technology Project Office*



**Transitioning to biotech is not as difficult as you might think...thanks to Bio-Link! This incomparable nationwide effort enables everyday Americans to enter the biotechnology field quickly, confidently, and affordably.**

*Moira Gunn, Host of Tech Nation & BioTech Nation - KQED Radio*



**For someone coming out of the CARCAM program, they are going to have a real advantage in their ability to compete for automotive jobs. There will be a premium on those students...[who] are better prepared, who have the basics of that program, and who are prepared to come in and make an immediate contribution to the employer.**

*Steve Sewell, Executive Director - Economic Development Partnership of Alabama*



**Your students make outstanding employees when they come to work for us from day one. They are extremely well prepared...When we get them we feel like we're stealing from a competitor.**

*Glenn Thompson, Chief Operating Officer - Plextronics Inc.*