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Johnson talks to math/science students during his recent visit to the Northeast campus. His message encouraged students to take advantage of a community college education.

L3 Engineer speaks to the NTCC Math/Science Student Organization

Senior Mechanical Engineer Brian Johnson of Aero Engineering, L3 Mission Integration, was on campus recently to speak to the NTCC Math/Science students. Johnson's program was called "Community College to Senior Mechanical Designer: How Community College Gave Me a Boost."

Johnson graduated from Amarillo College with an associate degree in engineering before he transferred to Texas Tech University where he received his bachelors in mechanical engineering. He told students that he chose to start at a community college because of the lower tuition fees and smaller classes. Because the cost of his first two years was significantly lower, Johnson said he was able to avoid debt when he attended the university. He said his instructors were focused on teaching, so he received the personal attention necessary for his success. Johnson also spoke about his two favorite Amarillo College professors. Johnson was asked about any changes he would make in his college experience. He replied that engineering majors would benefit from choosing jobs that require practical mechanical skills.

"Mr. Johnson's visit to our campus was extremely valuable for students who are interested in a career in engineering. He serves as a wonderful role model who understands their concerns," Northeast Math Professor Dr. Paula Wilhite said. Johnson is the son of NTCC President Dr. Brad Johnson.