

Erick Andino is getting an Electronics Engineering Technology degree, and Progress Energy is paying for it. He is also getting invaluable on-the-job experience doing technical work at Progress Energy's Nuclear Power plant—learning how to produce and send energy, working with and calibrating power breakers (which Erick says are “as big as refrigerators”) and assisting in keeping the plant working effectively.

How did Erick get here? In high school, he used Futures for Kids (F4K) and through the career interest assessment identified interests in Electrical Engineering, Mechanics and Repair. When Lee McCollum came to Erick's high school to talk about Progress Energy's Power Careers Program, his teacher used the results of his F4K assessment and his self-starter nature to identify him as an ideal candidate.

Erick described his new job as very exciting, especially the enormous pumps moving huge amounts of water. Most of all he enjoys the practical application of the math he learned in school, such as using special equipment to measure liquids and gases. Erick is grateful for the direction he received through F4K, and his entire family is so proud of him for pursuing his passion with Progress Energy.



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The Power Careers Program is designed to attract promising talent and provide those students with a first-person understanding of power plant operations while supporting their education in targeted degree programs and preparing them for potential career opportunities in the utility industry.

F4K bridges the gap between the hopes and dreams of our students and the workforce development needs of our communities. F4K uses technology to create a community of support around our kids, encouraging them to explore careers by connecting with Career Coaches and companies across North Carolina.

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