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Apprentice Honored with “Top Apprentice” Award After Completing Paper Technology Apprenticeship at Koehler Paper

- Tino Casella receives award as best apprentice in his chosen profession from IHK Region Südlicher Oberrhein regional chamber of industry and commerce
- Extraordinary score of 85 out of 100 possible points
- Place of employment after graduation: the Koehler Paper Oberkirch site

Oberkirch, Germany, 12/18/2024 – This year, over 3,600 graduating apprentices from 140 different career paths were celebrated for their successful graduation in the region covered by the IHK Region Südlicher Oberrhein chamber of industry and commerce, which consists of the southern area of the Upper Rhine. The Koehler Group itself had the opportunity to congratulate a total of 24 apprentices in 2024 and one dual-study program student, who altogether covered six different degree paths. Not only that, but apprentice Tino Casella was additionally honored as the best paper technologist apprentice in his chosen profession by the chamber of industry and commerce as a result of his extraordinary final exam score.

Young talent at Koehler Paper receives top apprentice award yet again

The Koehler Group firmly believes that nurturing young talent from within its own ranks is absolutely invaluable, and accordingly provides top-quality training. The family business is regularly honored as a “Best Place to Learn,” and has seen its apprentices be honored with the top apprentice award by the IHK Südlicher Oberrhein regional chamber of industry and commerce many times before. This November, it was Tino Casella’s turn after recently completing his paper technologist apprenticeship at Koehler Paper. Not surprising, as he got an extraordinary exam score of 85 out of 100 possible points. “Promoting the next generation, particularly through training, is extremely important to the Koehler Group. After all, we’re always happy to have our apprentices remain part of the Koehler family once they’re done with their apprenticeship, and find that providing them with opportunities for further development is vital,” says Koehler Group Corporate Director HR & Legal Department Elke Renz.

The company additionally had an internal ceremony in mid-December to extend further congratulations to Tino Casella. Koehler Group Head of Training and HR Development Simone Wölfle underscores: “We’re extremely proud of Tino’s impressive performance and would like to thank him for his absolute commitment to his training. Needless to say, we look forward to helping him pursue additional avenues for further development at the Koehler Group.” Since completing his apprenticeship, Tino Casella has been employed at Koehler Paper, where he works at paper machine 4 at the company’s Oberkirch site.

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Photo (left to right): Simone Wölfle (Head of Training and HR Development), Gerhard Vollmer (paper technology instructor), Tino Casella (top paper technologist apprentice) and Elke Renz (Corporate Director of HR & Legal Department). Source: Koehler Group



2030 Sustainability Strategy

By providing top training, the Koehler Group is helping to consistently achieve sustainable development goals in the “People, the Key to Success” area of action by having apprentices and dual-study program students make up 4% of its total workforce.

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About the Koehler Group

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run from that moment to the present day. The group's core business activity lies in the development and production of high-quality specialty paper. This includes—among others—thermal paper, playing card board, beverage coasters, fine paper, carbon-less paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation paper, and also innovative specialty paper for the packaging industry. In Germany, the Koehler Group employs around 2,500 people across five production sites, with three additional sites in the USA. The group operates internationally, with an export share of around 70% in 2023, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1.1 billion euros.

As an energy-intensive company, Koehler invests in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydropower, photovoltaics, and biomass with its Koehler Renewable Energy business unit. The Koehler Group has set a goal of producing more energy from renewable sources by 2030 than is required for its paper production operations.

With its Koehler Innovative Solutions division, the Koehler Group is collaborating with start-ups to promote innovations in the core business segments “paper” and “renewable energy”.

Find more information at: <https://www.koehler.com>

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