Connecting Classroom Experiences with Real-World Careers

Wednesday, March 14, 2018
2:00-3:00pm
Reception to follow

KSU - Marietta Campus
Wilson Student Center, Ballroom A&B
860 Rossbacher Way
Marietta, GA 30060

About the Talk: Classroom concepts and lab project activities at Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) developed a foundation and prepared Gary Smith to begin an internship leading to a career with Daktronics, the world's industry leader of programmable large video displays. The talk will be about how a display board is made from concept to finish and how the actual install of the oversize video displays are accomplished in the field. Smith was on the team supervising installation of the world's largest Halo Display at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium project in Atlanta. He has been a part of several hometown installations including the KSU Convocation Center, KSU Football stadium, among other local universities and a current project in Athens for the football stadium.

About the Speaker: Gary Smith began his career with Daktronics in May 2005. In 2006, Smith earned his degree in computer engineering technology from Southern Polytechnic State University. He is currently a Field Service Engineer/Installation Supervisor in the Live Events market. His current responsibilities consist of coordinating with all the subcontractors and electricians, and serving as the liaison on-site during all phases of installation. Smith’s enthusiasm is authentic, "We go to customers sites and start with a blank canvas. We build these large video screens and then get to see 93,000 fans see our hard work. There is nothing like it!"

Registration required by March 7: bit.ly/ScienceTALKMar2018