

questions, observed real parts in progress, and saw how our teams bring complex ideas to life.

Many of the visitors are members of Esquimalt's FIRST Robotics team, who have competed in the Rainhouse Engineering Showcase for several years. FIRST is often described as "the ultimate sport for the mind," challenging students to design, build, and program robots for high-stakes competitions. In 2022, the Atom Smashers earned the Business Acumen Award at our Showcase, a reflection of their technical skill, creative thinking, and professionalism.

During this visit, students toured our CNC machine shop, QA lab, electronics space, and design and assembly departments. Along the way, they saw our teams in action and learned how collaboration across disciplines helps move projects from idea to done. They also heard directly from staff about what it is like to work in advanced manufacturing and the many career paths it offers.

Facility tours like these are an important part of our commitment to community engagement. We want to help students see what is possible, ask questions, and begin imagining a future for themselves in STEM. When we invest in young minds, we are investing in the long-term strength of our local industry, and we are always proud to play a role in helping that future take shape.



*"This tour is awesome. I didn't realize how much equipment you had"*

We are proud to support local schools and STEM programs, and we are always excited to connect students with opportunities in advanced manufacturing. We will be seeing many of these students again soon at the next Engineering Design Showcase, co-hosted by Rainhouse and the University of Victoria on April 2, 2026.