

## Opportunities for All—Securitas Hosts Career Day for American School for the Deaf



*Securitas employees posed with their student-guests from ASD before enjoying lunch.*

***When Securitas' East Hartford, CT office was contacted by the Coordinator of Transition Programs at the American School for the Deaf (ASD) about introducing its students to professional opportunities in the security industry, it leapt at the chance to organize such an event. The Career Day event was part of an effort by the school to expose its summer session students to different career clusters. ASD was the first permanent school for the deaf in the United States and is known for its commitment to providing comprehensive learning opportunities for the deaf and hearing-impaired.***

Securitas Career Day for ASD sought to give the students a better understanding of what a career in the security industry is like. A group of students and staff was hosted by the East Hartford office for a half day of hands-on learning. The agenda included a tour and the chance to learn more about the kinds of jobs available in the profession.

Branch Manager Tracy Hurlburt, Area Vice President Steve Kinross, HR Manager Jay Agosto, Field Service Manager Ed Rivera, Area Training and Development Manager Glenn McIntyre and Sales and Marketing Support Specialist Kevin Klaskin participated to represent the variety of job functions available. Each gave a brief overview



*Students enjoyed a virtual tour of the Securitas Operation Center in Charlotte, NC from East Hartford's Client Experience Center.*

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of their function and the career path that had brought them to his or her current position.

ASD makes use of the latest technology to improve students' access to language, and the Hartford branch was eager to demonstrate some of the ways Securitas employees incorporate technology in their work. Students were given a demonstration of the equipment and tools used in the field and by officers to perform their duties.

The Hartford office is also home to one of the Securitas Experience Center Gateways that supports interactive multi-screen, multimedia collaboration and video conferencing. Branch staff was eager to share this technology with the students, using it to connect with the Securitas Operation Center in Charlotte, NC for a virtual tour.

The event concluded with the Securitas team hosting a lunch the students and ASD staff.

"This was an exciting opportunity for us," said Hurlburt. "It was an honor to host an organization that has long been an influential part our community. The event was also a chance for the Hartford branch to demonstrate the inclusive and accessible nature of security jobs.

"We view these students as prospective employees," Hurlburt explained. "We are proud of our work with Securitas and eager to share with ASD students the full scope of the services the company provides. It is important to us that they understand the skills needed to be successful and that they can envision themselves as part of the Securitas team."