



## **Accounting Society Members Tour Rich Products** **Niagara University News (NU News)**

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*Accounting Society members Elizabeth Raby and Khadijah Smith visit Rich Products in Fort Erie, Canada.*

On March 27, the Accounting Society and its faculty advisor Dr. Lei Han, assistant professor of accounting, visited the facility of Rich Products in Fort Erie, Canada. Rich Products, established in 1945, sells more than 2,000 products in 112 countries and ranks No. 140 on Forbes's list of America's Largest Private Companies. The plant in Fort Erie dates back more than 50 years and is now the city's largest employer, with 263 associates producing 300 different products a year.

After a 30-minute introduction of the company and facility, followed by a Q-and-A session, the team, in their lab coats and hairnets, started the exciting "How It's Made" experience, in the mixed aroma of cinnamon rolls and baguettes. The tour guide showed the team the production lines, which convert ingredients, such as flour, powdered sugar and yeast, into pizza doughs, bread and rolls.

Excited to experience a real manufacturing environment and to absorb firsthand information, the students asked a lot of questions about the plant's capacity, material turnover, costing system, work shifts and overtime, distribution, etc., which were answered tirelessly by the tour guide. The team was very impressed by what they saw and heard in the plant tour. Khadijah Smith, an accounting sophomore, remarked, "After visiting Rich Products, it is clear that they aren't just concerned with present stock value but also the wellness and satisfaction of their employees and customers."

Accounting sophomore Elizabeth Raby commented, "The trip to Rich Products was both exciting and educational. The employees were very interesting and the company had a very friendly oriented environment. While the tour of the plant was informative from a customer point of view, it was also very educational. We were able to see how the plant accounts for much of its product costs and our tour guide was very willing to answer any questions we had."

The Accounting Society is a student organization for accounting, finance and information systems students. The society provides a network of students, professors and professionals with information about community service, internships and co-ops, career opportunities, the interviewing process and business etiquette. Members participate in guest lectures, presentations, and field trips to further their accounting knowledge.