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Field Trip

 The experience of the trip was very fascinating and informal. My first impressions were

that it was very hidden. What i mean by this is that the printing press location was allowed to be

accessed through a door on the side of the building and when entered looked like the

basement area. Pass through the various tunnels looked like a science facility with state of the

art machinery and a staff of very kind and amazing people. We meet with Oscar who was the

one who runs the day to day operations and he gave us a tour of the place that was very easy

to understand and made it very clear as to what the day looked like and what was being done at

the facility. We learned about all of the various printing machines whether they were new or old

Oscar educated us about the history and how the machine would operate and what the operator

would do for each of the machines present. One of the the most memorable parts of the trip

besides the machinery was Oscar. The passion he had for printing press was unmatched. He

was in the business for 30 plus years and he loved it. Throughout the tone of his voice and the

way he presented to us, you can tell that he was all in. The employees at the company seemed

to genuinely love their jobs and were top tier at what they do. Some of the memorable

equipment i've noticed was the Epson 9800 which was a mid sized printing machine that prints

onto foam board. This was one of my favorite machines there because i'm a big fan of foam

boards, I think they are great materials to print on and they are lightweight so if you wanted to

hang it on the wall it would be very easy. The second printing press machine that really caught

my eye was the inkjet. From what Oscar told us on the tour, this is the machine that

architectures use to print out their blueprint layouts. Also it was used for photographs in high

quality. The last machine that had a lasting impression on me wa sthe Direct imaging DI

presstek, which lasters onto a 4 color printing press. Although we may not have seen the laser

printing in work, the idea of lasers printing is a cool enough concept for me to get behind.