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NEW MANUFACTURING ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES
EIGHTH ANNUAL EXCELLENCE IN MANUFACTURING/K-12 PARTNERSHIPS AWARDS

Green Bay, WI, May 13, 2019: The Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) Manufacturing Alliance is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for individuals to nominate a manufacturer or school for the 8th annual "Excellence in Manufacturing/K-12 Partnerships Awards." Winners will be recognized at the Awards dinner being held on October 29, 2019 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. The Excellence Awards spotlight best practices of manufacturing and education collaborations throughout northeast Wisconsin.

Jeff Anderson, president at Precision Paper Converters and chair of the NEW Manufacturing Alliance stated, "Our organization is committed to partnering with K-12 and encouraging our members to get involved." The Awards Dinner will highlight manufacturers and educators that are working together. Anderson added, "Sharing best practices will provide other schools and manufacturers a roadmap they can replicate.” Last year's event had over 380 people attend. The NEW Manufacturing Alliance sponsored $45,000 in college scholarships this past school term. This year will mark the Alliance supporting over a quarter million dollars in college scholarships over the last 10 years. The Awards program’s silent auction assists in raising the funds for scholarships.

There are seven categories for K-12 schools/educators & higher education:

- **Career Pathmaker - Tech Ed Teacher** (last year’s winner was Kory Fredrikson, Denmark High School, and Jon Larson, Little Chute High School)
- **Career Pathmaker - Administrator** (last year's winner was Jeff Kasuboski, Wautoma Area School District)
- **Career Pathmaker - Educator** (last year’s winner was Cyndi Cantwell, Green Bay Area Public Schools)
- **Brighter Image - Education** (last year’s winner was Chilton High School)
- **Education Innovation** (last year’s winner was Southern Door County School District)
- **Manufacturing Partnership** (last year’s winner was Wabeno High School)
• **Higher Education** (last year’s winner was Rachel Johnson, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College)

There are six categories for manufacturers:
• **Leadership** (last year’s winner was Plexus)
• **Youth Apprenticeship** (last year’s winner was Jagemann Stamping)
• **Educational Partnership** (last year’s winner was Bemis Company)
• **Brighter Image** (last year’s winner was Samuel Pressure Vessel Group)
• **Visionary** (last year’s winner was Pete Uvaas, Fox Valley Tool & Die)
• **Manufacturing Innovation** (last year’s winner was Johnson Controls)

There is an additional award for either an individual from the community or a community organization that has advanced manufacturing career exploration called the **Community Partnership Award**. Last year’s winner was Hands on Deck.

A full description of each award category can be found on the nomination form: [https://form.jotform.com/90788583003159](https://form.jotform.com/90788583003159)

The nomination form is also found on the Alliance’s website at: [www.newmfgalliance.org](http://www.newmfgalliance.org). Individuals can nominate for more than one category. Winners will be announced in late August with the Awards dinner being held on **October 29, 2019**. The education award winners will also receive $500 for their school. Two complimentary tickets to the Awards dinner will be drawn from all of the individuals that submit a nomination form. The deadline to submit a nomination(s) is **June 14, 2019**.

Questions regarding the event should contact Ann Franz at 920-498-5587 or email ann.franz@nwtc.edu. For more information about the NEW Manufacturing Alliance, go to: [www.newmfgalliance.org](http://www.newmfgalliance.org).

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