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AME CELEBRATES MANUFACTURING DAY WITH ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill., — Oct. 5, 2015 — The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) joined forces with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) through the AME Adopt-a-School program on Manufacturing Day, Oct. 2, providing students the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge about the manufacturing industry.

A proclamation from Terence R. McAuliffe, governor of Virginia stated, “The Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) and The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME), along with other organizations, have called for manufacturers to assist public schools in better informing students about careers in manufacturing through the Adopt-a-School on Manufacturing Day initiative that gives young people an opportunity to visit and learn from a local manufacturing company.”

The AME Adopt-a-School program connects manufacturers with schools and universities in their local communities to give students an opportunity to experience practical, hands-on learning and to help manufacturers give back to the community while helping the next generation of manufacturers.

Manufacturing Day addresses common misperceptions about manufacturing by giving manufacturers an opportunity to open their doors and show, in a coordinated effort, what manufacturing is — and what it isn't. By working together during and after Manufacturing Day, manufacturers will begin to address the skilled labor shortage they face, connect with future generations, take charge of the public image of manufacturing and ensure the ongoing prosperity of the whole industry.

“AME's Adopt-a-School program focuses on helping students to graduate as career-ready citizens, ready to join the workforce or go on to college to further their education,” said Jerry Wright, AME chairman. “In addition, AME is encouraging students to consider careers in manufacturing. Our Dr. Sherrie Ford Manufacturing as a Career Path Scholarship supports and promotes manufacturing as a career path by providing scholarship opportunities for manufacturing career-minded students.”

For more information about the AME Adopt-a-School program, visit <http://www.ame.org/adopt-school>.

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About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to the journey of continuous improvement and enterprise excellence. AME's membership is composed of a trusted network of volunteers who are committed to leveraging the practitioner-to-practitioner and company-to-company shared-learning experience. Through engaging workshops, plant tours, webinars, summits and industry-leading conferences, AME members are continually discovering and implementing new continuous improvement strategies and best practices. AME offers its members a multitude of valuable resources to help them stay abreast of current industry developments and improve the skills, competitiveness and overall success of their organizations. Join AME in leading the "Renaissance of Manufacturing in North America." For more information, visit www.ame.org or email info@ame.org.

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