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AME Reveals 2014 Dr. Sherrie Ford Scholarship Recipients

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill.—The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is proud to announce the 2014 Dr. Sherrie Ford Manufacturing as a Career Path Scholarship recipients. The scholarship—an initiative supported by AME’s scholarship funding arm, AME Institute, and Kronos Inc.—is awarded to a select few students and manufacturing professionals who demonstrate keen insight into the world of manufacturing and the complexity of the pursuit of enterprise excellence.

"We chose these young men and women because we truly believe in their potential," said AME President Barbara Morrison. "Their desire to excel, their dedication, their insight—these are the qualities that drive our own quest for excellence in the world of manufacturing. In recognizing them, we want to give them the opportunity to make their own mark on that world."

Dr. Sherrie Ford led one of the largest women-owned businesses in the U.S. and was recognized as one of the premier consultants in the manufacturing world. After founding the Center for Continuous Improvement in 1991 she opened the consulting company Change Partners in 1996, followed by Power Partners in 2003. Ford was known for her unique approach to transforming workplace culture, working with the entire hourly workforce as well as upper management to embrace process improvement strategies and lean production principles. Ford passed away in 2011.

The Dr. Sherrie Ford Manufacturing as a Career Path Scholarship has honored Ford’s legacy by paving the way for the next generation of manufacturing professionals to pursue rewarding careers in manufacturing.

The fall term scholarship recipients are:

- Nicholas Dwyer of Elk Grove Village, Illinois, graduating from Elk Grove High School.
- Isaac Steele of Windom, Minnesota, graduating from Windom Area High School.
- Austin Otto of Maplewood, Minnesota, graduating from Hill-Murray School.
- Caleb Sale of Oregon City, Oregon, graduating from Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences.
- Isabella Grassetto of Monson, Massachusetts, currently attending Wentworth Institute of Technology.
- Ciara Winfield of Conyers, Georgia, graduating from Rockdale Career Academy.
- Kevin Lopez of Somerville, Massachusetts, graduating from Somerville High School.
- Emma Heckelsmiller of Palatine, Illinois, graduating from Palatine High School.

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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