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Covington, KY – The Northern Kentucky Chapter of the Kentucky Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (NKY FAME), Gateway Community & Technical College (Gateway) and Northern Kentucky Tri-ED announced today the launch of the Passport to Manufacturing, a new series of recruiting events designed to attract high school students to the advanced manufacturing industry. October is designated National Manufacturing Month.

High school students and their parents from Northern Kentucky are encouraged to visit five of Northern Kentucky's leading manufacturers – Bosch, Linamar, Safran, Steinert and Steinkamp – for open houses and tours on October 14 from 4 – 7 p.m. A passport will be available at all five locations.

NKY FAME will hold an open house at Gateway showcasing the Advanced Manufacturing Technician (AMT) program on October 21 from 4 – 7 p.m. Students enrolled in the AMT program, which began in August, and NKY FAME manufacturers will be available for questions and answers. In addition, a tour of Gateway will be held.

Students who participate in the NKY FAME open house at Gateway will be eligible to win many prizes, including a laptop, and gain a better understanding of education opportunities and careers in manufacturing available in Northern Kentucky.

“The Passport to Manufacturing events are the official kick-off to recruiting for the 2016 Advanced Manufacturing Technician (AMT) class. From the company tours led by current AMT students, to the open house at Gateway, these events are an excellent opportunity for students and their parents to see first-hand what life as an AMT student looks like,” said Michelle Flick, apprenticeship coordinator, Gateway Community & Technical College. “We hope they will come out and take advantage of this insider look into manufacturing.”

“We want high school students and parents in Northern Kentucky to understand the benefits of the AMT program and the types of jobs available in manufacturing,” said Mike Hirsh, chapter president of NKY FAME and vice president, Bosch. “Manufacturers have a high demand for new employees and we are highlighting our workplaces, great benefits and high-paying careers available to students.”

The Northern Kentucky FAME Chapter is a collection of companies, allied organizations and education institutions focused on attracting veterans and high school students to the manufacturing workforce. Students who complete the AMT Program at will receive an Associate of Applied Science degree from Gateway and obtain the foundation to be skilled manufacturing technicians in Northern Kentucky. NKY FAME can also be followed through social media channels via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Google+.

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About Northern Kentucky Tri-ED

Founded in 1987, the Northern Kentucky Tri-County Economic Development Corporation (NKY Tri-ED) serves as the primary economic development marketing agency for Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties in Northern Kentucky. Since 1987, 600 companies have located or expanded in Northern Kentucky accounting for the creation of 51,600 new primary jobs for a total of 120,800 jobs created. These jobs have generated an economic impact of \$25B. New and expanding companies have accounted for \$6.9B in capital investment. NKY Tri-ED is a key partner in Vision 2015, a 10-year strategic plan for growth in the region. For more information, visit www.NorthernKentuckyusa.com. Northern Kentucky Tri-ED can also be followed through social media channels via Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube.

About Gateway Community & Technical College

Gateway is Northern Kentucky's only public, two-year comprehensive community and technical college, and its SACS accreditation has been reaffirmed through July 2023. SACS is a U.S. Department of Education-recognized

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agency that evaluates academic programs at two-year and four-year institutions to ensure the quality and acceptability of each institution. SACs accreditation means that Gateway students can transfer their course credits to four-year colleges and universities throughout the nation.

Gateway enrolls nearly 5,000 students and offers associate degrees, diplomas and certificates in 30 subject areas. Classes are provided at GCTC locations in Boone County, Covington, and Edgewood. Through partnerships with more than 400 local businesses, GCTC provides customized, short-term training to more than 3,000 other people. Find out how to “start here and go anywhere” at gateway.kctcs.edu. GCTC is one of 16 colleges that comprise the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.



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