

**NEW Manufacturing Alliance
K-12 / STEM Task Force Meeting
September 25, 2025 – via MS Teams - 8:30 AM**

ATTENDEES: Cindy Bailey-NWTC, Leah Bruess-CESA 6, Kurtis Butrymowicz-Hart Design & Mfg., Brian Conrad-Great Northern Corp., Jack Conroy-GB YMCA, Becca Droessler-CESA 6, Ann Franz-NEWMA, David Gordon-CESA 7, Dawn Grenzer-Stumpf-Miron Construction, Steph Heinritz-Menasha HS, Brooke Holbrook-CESA 8, Ben Krull-Wolf River YA, Pete L'Empereur-AK Crust/Pep's Pizza, Emily Morris-RGL Logistics, Cyndi Pavelski-CESA 6/Inspire WI, Nick Rolf-SolutionsX, Michaeline Schmit-NWTC, Melissa Schultz-SPVG, Christina Stelter-Alliance Laundry, Debbie Thompson-NEWMA, Michelle Todzy-LaForce, Alexander Torres-CESA 6

EXCELLENCE IN MFG. / K-12 PARTNERSHIPS AWARDS | OCTOBER 28, 2025 | RESCH EXPO
[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

Almost \$28,000 in 2025 Excellence Awards sponsorships have been raised so far for NEWMA's Scholarship Fund. Last year, \$34,000 was raised; however, WEDC had additional dollars available and gave \$7,000 instead of \$3,000 for the 2024 campaign. Ann will need to know by tomorrow (Friday, 9/26) if your organization would like to sponsor the event.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS SPONSORSHIPS - \$1,000 Gold Sponsors will have a one page ad in the 2025 Excellence Awards publication, in addition to two free tickets to the 2025 Excellence Awards dinner / program. The publication is sent electronically to the full membership and regional schools. **\$300 Silver Sponsors** will have their organization's logo featured in the 2025 Excellence Awards publication.

LIVE AUCTION - At least one live auction item, valued at \$500 or more, is being sought. Past live auction items have included AriensCo snowblowers and Packer game tickets, with sheltered seating. **Contact Ann if your organization has a potential live auction item for the 2025 event.**

PLAN: 2025 OCTOBER IS MANUFACTURING MONTH EVENTS

The Alliance sponsors bussing for October plant tours. **Contact Ann by October 10 if your school would like to participate.** Below are October booked & TBD tours, in addition to other schools having expressed interest.

- Appleton West High School - Alliance Laundry Systems, Ripon
- Clintonville - Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding
- Goodman High School - Fincantieri Marinette Marine
- Kohler High School – Sargento Foods
- Marinette High School – Fincantieri Marinette Marine
- Marinette Middle School - TBD
- Oconto Middle School - Nercon & Samuel Pressure Vessel Group
- Oshkosh West High School - Voith
- Pulaski High School – TBD
- Rocket Academy - H.G. Weber
- Shawano High School – U.S. Lubricants
- Sheboygan Falls High School - Alliance Laundry, Manitowoc

Manufacturing First Student Career Exploration Event – October 29, 2025 – Resch Expo

Volunteers are asked to be at the Resch Expo by 8:15 a.m. and work until approximately 11:00 a.m. Based on the number of participating employers, 180 students can be accommodated.

ACP Roundtable Meeting – October 28, 2025 – Resch Expo - 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. – *(ACP Roundtable attendees are welcome to attend the Excellence Awards networking reception, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., even if they are not*

attending the dinner.) YA students and education / business reps will unite for this event. YA coordinators met on September 5 to determine the questions and format. The YA student panel will consist of 6 to 10 students and last about 40 minutes. David Gordon identified three participating panelists, two are working at LaForce and one is at ACMF. Each panelist will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card and have the option of attending the awards dinner / program. YA students that attend the dinner will be recognized. **All YA panel participants will be year 2 or summer experience students and need to be identified by October 1.**

Depending on time, not all the following questions for the panelists may get asked.

- What are you looking for in your YA experience?
- What got you interested in YA and manufacturing fields?
- What impressed you with the business you are currently working at for your YA experience? Are there other things your employer could have done to make your experience even better?
- What was your outlook on manufacturing prior to getting involved? What is your outlook on manufacturing now? How did your outlook change?
- What persuaded you to pursue a manufacturing pathway?
- How does YA help you develop some life skills?
- What are your post high school plans?

After the panel session, the following questions will be asked of the entire group.

1. CESA leads discussion: What is ACP? Provide examples of your current activities and programming. How have these activities prepared you for your future career?
2. After hearing the voices of these students, what are some things that stood out? What are the action items we should do as a school, company and NEWMA?

YA VIDEO UPDATE

Filming will take place on October 8 at NorthCoast Productions' studio. Six companies are participating in the video - Fincantieri Marine Group, Lindquist Machine Corp., Marion Body Works, Nercon, Robinson Inc., and Sargento. The video will debut in December or January.

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

September 30 - Virtual Lunch & Learn – Work Release – presented by Sergeant Joseph Bonnin, of Sanger B. Powers Correctional Center – Noon to 1:00 PM – [REGISTER](#)

October 2 – Kickoff to Manufacturing Month & Live Podcast at Schreiber Foods, 8:30 to 10:00 AM - [REGISTER](#) by 9/25/2025.

October 28 – Academic & Career Planning (ACP) Partnerships Roundtable Meeting – at the Resch Expo, Green Bay – 3:00 to 4:30 PM – [REGISTER](#)

October 28 – Excellence Awards Dinner / Program - at the Resch Expo – [PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

October 29 – Manufacturing First Expo / Conference & Student Event – at the Resch Expo

November 5 – Internship Draft Day – at Lambeau Field

December 17 – Quarterly Full Membership Meeting – at FVTC's DJ Bordini Center, Appleton

NEXT MEETING

The next K-12 / STEM Task Force meeting is on November 12, 2025, 8:30 a.m., via MS Teams.