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MANUFACTURING DAY IMPORTANT FOR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT

(St. Joseph, MO) -- The St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce is working with local manufacturers and the St. Joseph School District to host its sixth annual Manufacturing Day on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021.

"It's more important now than ever to make sure we have students interested in pursuing manufacturing as a career," said Kristie Arthur, Director of Workforce Development at the Chamber. "Employees are hard to find across all industries, but especially manufacturing with low unemployment and a wage war. Baby Boomers are also retiring and we all need to fill the gap."

Manufacturing Day is a national event that recognizes the contributions and advancements made possible through manufacturing companies and careers. About 500 students will tour different manufacturing companies in St. Joseph to learn about skills used, education needed and career options.

Manufacturing Day activities are meant to change the image of the industry and help introduce high school students and families to industry changes.

The following manufacturers have scheduled tours or presentation events:

- Altec Industries
- BlueScope Buildings North America
- BMS Logistics
- Daily's Premium Meats
- Herzog Contracting Corp.
- Summit Truck Group
- Triumph Foods
- Van-Am Tool & Engineering, LLC

Students from Hillyard Technical Center, which educates students from around the region, will be in attendance. All events are invitation only.

"After hosting Manufacturing Day in a virtual format last year, we're excited to get students back into facilities," Arthur said. "The only real way kids can learn if manufacturing is the career for them is to get hands on experiences and be able to ask questions of those in the industry."

Media is invited to talk with employers, students and the Chamber of Commerce during a tour at:

8 a.m., Altec Industries, 2106 S. Riverside Road, at the new Unit Manufacturing Facility, Entrance No. 6, Door 1.

The partner sponsors, which help make Manufacturing Day possible are: AGP Ag Processing Inc., BMS Logistics, Inc., Boehringer Ingelheim, Conveyance Solutions by Continental, Gray Manufacturing, Hillyard, I & M Machine & Fabrication, Insteel Industries Inc., LifeLine Foods, Nestle Purina, RitePack Inc., Schutz, Sealed Air, Tyson Foods, Valor Manufacturing Training, Van Am Tool & Engineering. For more information see choosesaintjoseph.com/mfgday

About the Chamber: Since its inception in 1862 as the Board of Trade of St. Joseph, the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce has been the catalyst for economic growth and development in Northwest Missouri. The Chamber strives to be the unified voice of business that advocates, promotes and inspires the St. Joseph area. The Chamber's mission, supported by 1,300 members, is to create an environment that allows business to thrive and the community to prosper.

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