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MANUFACTURING DAY IMPORTANT FOR STUDENTS & EMPLOYERS

(St. Joseph, MO) -- The St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce is working with local manufacturers and the St. Joseph School District to host its seventh annual Manufacturing Day on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022.

"Now more than ever, it's important to ensure students are interested in pursuing manufacturing as a career," said Kristie Arthur, Director of Workforce Development at the Chamber. "It's hard to find employees in all industries, but especially manufacturing. Baby Boomers are retiring and taking valuable knowledge with them. We all need to work together 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
- Gray Manufacturing
- Herzog Contracting Corp.
- I&M Machine and Fabrication
- Snorkel
- Summit Truck Bodies
- 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.

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

8 a.m., Van-Am Tool & Engineering, 5025 Easton Road.

The partner sponsors, which help make Manufacturing Day possible are: Ag Processing Inc., BlueScope Buildings North America, BMS Logistics, Inc., Boehringer Ingelheim, Conveyance Solutions by Continental, Gray Manufacturing, Hillyard, I & M Machine & Fabrication, Insteel Industries Inc., LifeLine Foods, Midland Steel Company, Nestle Purina, RitePack Inc., Schutz Container Systems, Sealed Air Corp., Snorkel, Summit Truck Bodies, Triumph Foods, Valor Manufacturing Training, Van-Am Tool & Engineering. For more information see choosesaintjoseph.com/manufacturing-mfg-day

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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