



# FLATE - Florida Advanced Technological Education Center

## Industry Honors and Professional Recognition Program

### 2009

Every year FLATE recognizes outstanding educators, students, and industry members who make a significant contribution to the training and education of today's technology workforce. The awardees are recognized and the awards bestowed at the annual Manufacturers Association of Florida (MAF) Manufacturers Summit. Awardees' travel, hotel, and conference fee will be paid by FLATE.

Please see the enclosed descriptions for proposed details of each award and its criteria.



### Awards Timeline

*April 2009* – Criteria published

*May 1, 2009* – Nominations Open at [www.fl-ate.org/awards](http://www.fl-ate.org/awards)

*August 31, 2009* – Nominations Close

*September 2009* - Award elections are made by FLATE IAC award subcommittee, followed by review and approval by the FLATE Executive Committee.

*October 2, 2009* - Award recipients and principal nominators are notified of their selection.

*November 5 2009* - Awards are presented during the MAF 2009 Florida Manufacturers Summit.

## FLATE AWARDS - 2009

### **Manufacturing Post-Secondary Educator-of-the-Year Award:**

The Post-Secondary Educator-of-the-Year Award recognizes a community college or Technical school educator for outstanding contributions to manufacturing and/or engineering technology education. Nominees for the award must have had a demonstrated impact on technology education on both a local and state level. Nominee publications that demonstrate significant contribution to manufacturing education with originality of ideas and techniques presented are strongly encouraged as supporting documentation. This award represents FLATE's commitment to support and recognize community college faculty who make significant contributions to the education and training of today's advanced manufacturing workforce.

2007 Awardee – Meer Almeer, Brevard Community College, Palm Bay, FL  
(sponsored by FHTCC)

2008 Awardee – Dr. Ed Niespodziany, Central Florida Community College, Ocala, FL  
(sponsored by Tropicana)

### **Manufacturing Secondary Educator-of-the-Year Award:**

The Secondary Educator-of-the-Year Award recognizes a high school educator for outstanding contributions to manufacturing and/or engineering technology education. Nominees for the award must have had a demonstrated impact on technology education on both a local and state level. This award represents FLATE's commitment to support and recognize secondary faculty who make significant contributions to the education and training of today's advanced manufacturing workforce.

2007 Awardee – Ted Norman, Treasure Coast High School, St. Lucie Public Schools, FL  
(sponsored by ConMed Linvatec)

2008 Awardee – Gil Burlew, Braden River High School, Manatee County Public Schools, FL  
(sponsored by ConMed Linvatec)

### **FLATE Industry Distinguished Service Award:**

The FLATE Industry Recognition Award recognizes key industry personnel for outstanding contributions to promote technology education and career awareness in support of manufacturing. Nominees for the award must have had a demonstrated impact on technology education on both a local and state level. The award represents FLATE's commitment to recognize industry colleagues who make significant contributions to the outreach, education, and training of today's advanced manufacturing workforce. Nominees will have exhibited exceptional devotion of time, effort, thought, and action toward furthering FLATE's mission.

2007 Awardee – Steve Lezman, Tropicana/PepsiCo, Bradenton, FL  
(sponsored by FHTCC)

2008 Awardee – Anthony Fedd, BASF Corporation, Quincy, FL  
(sponsored by Jaeger Corp.)

Nominations can be submitting via the online application located at:  
[www.fl-ate.org/projects/awards](http://www.fl-ate.org/projects/awards) or by requesting a nomination form from, and returning it to: Dr. Eric Roe, 813.259.6579, [roe@fl-ate.org](mailto:roe@fl-ate.org).