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2009 FLATE AWARDS

Florida Advanced Technological Education Center—the National Science Foundation Center of Excellence in Manufacturing Education at Hillsborough Community College in Brandon is presenting three awards at the Manufacturers Association of Florida's, 6th Annual Manufacturers Summit.

Michael Ennis will receive the FLATE Industry Distinguished Award. Ennis is a manufacturing engineer at Harris Corporation, and an adjunct professor at Brevard Community College where he teaches applied mechanics in the Harris-BCC Applied Associate of Science degree in engineering technology. Jim Mathews, engineering technology teacher at Sarasota High School is the recipient of the Secondary Educator-of-the-Year award. Matthews has over 25 years of manufacturing and technology experience as an engineer, strategist, and senior level manager of technology businesses. Norm Brahs, head machining instructor at Atlantic Technical Center will receive the Post-Secondary Educator-of-the-Year award. Brahs has led numerous teams at Sarasota High School to victory at the Florida First Robotics competitions, and is working closely with South Florida Manufacturers Association and 16-20 companies to create an apprentice program at SHS.

- WHO:** **Awardees**
Michael Ennis: Industry Distinguished Service.
Jim Mathews: Secondary Educator-of-the-Year.
Norm Brahs: Post-Secondary Educator-of-the-Year.
- WHAT:** 2009 FLATE Awards.
- WHERE:** Sixth Annual Manufacturers' Summit.
Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport. Orlando, FL.
- WHEN:** Thursday, Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m. during the "President's Awards Dinner".
- FACTS:** FLATE Awards recognize contributions made by industry leaders and educators in positioning manufacturing at the forefront of the state's diverse economy. Recipients of awards have made a tremendous impact in each of their sectors to train and educate technology workforce in Florida.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Awardees will be available for interviews during and after the Summit. Opportunity for photo and video coverage will also be available.