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**Florida's Manufacturers & Educators To Receive Special Recognition at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Manufacturers Summit**

Manufacturers and educators, committed to promote, educate and train a high-tech workforce in Florida will receive special recognition and awards at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Manufacturers Association of Florida Manufacturers Summit in Orlando, FL. The awards will be presented on Nov. 3 during the President's Awards Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Orlando, Fla. by FLATE (Florida Advanced Technological Education Center), the National Science Foundation Center for High-Tech Manufacturing located at Hillsborough Community College in Brandon, and reflects the Center's efforts to recognize valuable contributions made by industry as well as educators at the secondary and post-secondary education levels.

Dean Eavey, associate professor of business and technology division and program manager for electronics engineering technology and computer integration manufacturing at Gulf Coast Community College (GCC) in Panama City will receive the Manufacturing Post-Secondary Educator-of-the-Year Award.

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Eavey says manufacturing is one of the most fascinating fields within robotics/automation, and “preparing students to enter this exciting career helps manufacturers as well as the country remain globally competitive.” His efforts to create innovative instructional materials for computer and electronics engineering, and manufacturing technology have proven as a valuable tool in developing computer integrated manufacturing programs that emphasize on computer-controlled systems for manufacturing applications. While advancing through four decades of teaching, Eavey has enabled technicians to gain skills in electronics, programmable logic controllers, fluid power, robotics, motor controls, and industrial computers. Dean’s forward thinking has also promoted distribution of mobile laboratory kits containing the latest in automation and robotics hardware and software, as well as online and workplace state-of-the-art-training facilities.

On the secondary education level, Dave Lintner from Ridge Community High School in Davenport, FL will receive the Manufacturing Secondary Educator-of-the-Year Award. Lintner is a former engineer who has contributed over three decades of support to the manufacturing, engineering and engineering technology fields in Florida. Lintner’s ability to support global professional needs through local student skills set development has lead to the production of projects that include: Automated Hydroponics, Ergonomic Workstations, Smart Home Technology, Automated Can Crushers, Solar Panels, Hovercrafts, Automated Drawbridges, Flexible Manufacturing Workcells, Steam Powered Catapults, and Maglev Trains. He operates a lab that he opened in 2006, and continues to teach within the advanced manufacturing and pre-engineering program that he developed.

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On the industry side of the continuum, Art Hoelke, president and general manager at Knight's Armament in Titusville, FL will receive the FLATE Industry Distinguished Service Award. Hoelke says Florida is a great state for both industry and local businesses to thrive in, and "the time is now to push for a qualified workforce that will help manufacturers regain prosperity, and enable them to remain at the forefront of the economy."

Moreover, Hoelke's legislative support of the Career and Professional Education (CAPE) Act provided for new modes of statewide manufacturing skill development facilitated through the Florida Banner Center for Manufacturing, the Space Coast High School STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Aerospace & Manufacturing) Academy, and the Brevard County High School manufacturing program. Besides a continued effort to modernize and improve efficiency in manufacturing methods "there is also a need to continue searching for and developing individuals with right talents to keep us competitive" Hoelke said. His single-handed efforts lead to Heritage High School in Brevard County, to offer the M.S.S.C industrial credential that articulates 15 credit hours into Brevard Community College's Engineering Technology Degree.

For more information on the FLATE awards and/or its recipients contact Dr. Marilyn Barger, executive director of FLATE at [barger@fl-ate.org](mailto:barger@fl-ate.org)/813.259.6578

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