

**FLORIDA ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION
CENTER for MANUFACTURING EDUCATION**

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“The 2007 Manufacturers’ Industry Honors and Professional Recognition Program”

Starting this year, FLATE will annually recognize outstanding educators, students, and industry members who have made significant contribution to the training and education of today’s technology workforce. Three awards will be given out in 2007: The *Manufacturing Post-Secondary Educator-of-the-Year Award*, *Manufacturing Secondary Educator-of-the-Year Award* and the *FLATE Industry Distinguished Service Award*.

The **Manufacturing Post-Secondary Educator-of-the-Year Award** recognizes a Community College or Technical School educator for their outstanding contribution to manufacturing and engineering technology education. Nominees for the award have had a significant impact on technology education in the local and state level. Furthermore, publications contributing to manufacturing education, with originality of ideas and techniques, are strongly encouraged as supporting documentation. The award represents FLATE’s commitment to support and recognize faculty who have made considerable contribution to the education and training needs of today’s technology workforce.

Similarly, the **Manufacturing Secondary Educator-of-the-Year Award** recognizes a middle or high school educator for his or her outstanding contribution to manufacturing and engineering technology education. Nominees for the award exhibit a strong impact on technology education in the local and state level. The award represents FLATE’s commitment to support and recognize secondary faculty who have made a significant contribution to the education and training of today’s technology workforce.

Finally, the **FLATE Industry Distinguished Service Award** recognizes a key industry person for his or her outstanding role in promoting technology education and career awareness. Nominees under this category have had a proven impact on technology education at the local and state level. Furthermore, they exhibit exceptional devotion of time, effort, thought, and action in promoting FLATE's missions. The award mirrors FLATE's commitment to recognize industry colleagues who have made significant strides in outreach, education, and training of today's technology workforce.

All the awards are open for nomination by the public. The nomination period is open from August 1-31. Selections will be made by FLATE Industrial Advisory Council Award Subcommittee in September, followed by review and approval by FLATE's Executive Committee members. Award recipients and principal nominators will be notified of their selection by September 28. Awardees will be recognized at the annual Manufacturers Association of Florida (MAF) Manufacturers Summit, which will be held November 5-6 in Lake Mary, Florida. For further information or to request a nomination package, please contact Dr. Eric Roe at 813.259.6579 or email him at roe@fl-ate.org

FLATE (Florida - Advanced Technological Education) Center for Manufacturing Education is a National Science Foundation center, committed to ensuring that Florida manufacturing has a well prepared workforce. It advances this mission through three principal initiatives: 1) promotion of technologically oriented manufacturing and technology careers to middle and secondary school students, 2) professional development of teachers throughout the K-16 educational system, 3) reform and realignment of the curriculum that defines Florida's academic programs related to manufacturing. Created in 2004, it is one of 33 centers in the United States focused on improving science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education to meet the needs of American advanced-technology industries. For more information, please visit: www.fl-ate.org