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AME RECOGNIZES SAN ANTONIO MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION AND ALAMO ACADEMIES FOR ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill., – June 20, 2016 – The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is pleased to recognize San Antonio Manufacturers Association (SAMA) and Alamo Academies for their participation in the AME Adopt-a-School program, designed to encourage students to pursue a career in manufacturing.

The AME Adopt-a-School program connects manufacturers with schools and universities in their local communities to give students an opportunity to experience practical, hands-on learning and to help manufacturers give back to the community while helping the next generation of manufacturers.

San Antonio Manufacturers Association (SAMA) is the voice of and advocate for the manufacturing industry in the greater San Antonio metropolitan area. SAMA influences public policy and regulatory matters affecting manufacturing and guides the education and training of future generations of manufacturers.

The Alamo Academies is an innovative, STEM-based instructional model operated by the Alamo Area Academies Inc., a non-profit organization, in partnership with the Alamo Colleges, San Antonio area high schools, industry and the cities of San Antonio, New Braunfels and Seguin providing America's youth with tuition-free career pathways into critical demand technical STEM occupations. The program utilizes contextualized, industry-driven curricula resulting in 94 percent of graduates entering higher education or high-wage careers in aerospace, manufacturing, information technology and health.

To assist students on their career journey, AME is offering free student membership to those who qualify, where they will have access to industry resources, learning opportunities, networking and more. To learn more about student membership, visit www.ame.org/benefits-ame-membership.

Additionally, AME encourages students to apply for the Dr. Sherrie Ford Manufacturing as a Career Path Scholarship, which is open to individuals who are pursuing a career in manufacturing. Eligible applicants include individuals who are currently graduating from high school, current college students or individuals with prior work experience who have decided to seek advanced education. To learn more about the scholarship and application deadlines, visit www.ame.org/scholarship-program.

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For additional information on the AME Adopt-a-School program, visit www.ame.org/adopt-school.

About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to the journey of continuous improvement and enterprise excellence. AME's membership is composed of a trusted network of volunteers who are committed to leveraging the practitioner-to-practitioner and company-to-company shared-learning experience. Through engaging workshops, plant tours, webinars, summits and industry-leading conferences, AME members are continually discovering and implementing new continuous improvement strategies and best practices. AME offers its members a multitude of valuable resources to help them stay abreast of current industry developments and improve the skills, competitiveness and overall success of their organizations. Join AME in leading the "renaissance of manufacturing in North America." For more information, visit www.ame.org or email info@ame.org.

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