



Summer 2017 FAME eNews

From the Chair: Dave Phillips (FAME Chair; Training Manager, GW Lisk)

Hello,

It's almost fall where did the summer go? I think I missed it. It certainly has been a busy and prosperous year. Unemployment is still very low, and new job creation looks promising. Manufacturing jobs lead the numbers in new job creation, and it appears this trend will continue. With all this growth we will need to keep our focus on building a skilled workforce. Many schools and colleges are introducing new programs and curriculum to help prepare students for the ever changing jobs in advanced manufacturing. Genesee County Economic Development Center, Finger Lakes STEM, WNY STEM, and FAME are collaborating to work to bridge the gap in skills needed for our ever increasing need for highly skilled staff.

October is **New York State's Manufacturing Month**, and the 6th is officially Manufacturing Day! Many companies will be hosting plant tours or working with their local schools to help educate people about Advanced Manufacturing. If you are interested in hosting or attending an event you can visit <http://www.mfgday.com/>. This website is packed with resources for anyone who may be interested in Manufacturing Day, whether it's taking a tour, hosting an event, or presenting material to students. Don't forget to check out the *Finger Lakes Works ... With Their Hands!* event on October 5th as well, they are still looking for volunteers to help make that event a success! More information can be found [HERE](#).

Thank you for your support of FAME,

Dave Phillips, Chair



Congratulations to the Summer 2017 SAME graduates!

This year the Summer Advanced Manufacturing Experience (SAME) was offered from July 10-28 in multiple regional locations, exposing even more students to advanced manufacturing careers in an environment which also enabled them to earn three credits from Monroe Community College (MCC).



Pictured at right is the Summer 2017 SAME class from Monroe 2 BOCES at their graduation at MCC. Congratulations to all of the students that took part this summer!

Interested in a career in Advanced Manufacturing? These programs at FLCC and MCC could be a great place to start!

Finger Lakes Community College:

- **Mechatronic technology** is a 12-week program that runs weekdays starting Sept. 25 at the FLCC Victor Campus. Students learn the mechanical and electrical fundamentals common to many high-tech manufacturers in the Rochester area. For more information, call the FLCC Professional Development and Continuing Education Office at (585) 785-1660, or email Andrea.Badger@flcc.edu

Monroe Community College:

- MCC has received approval to offer a one year **Mechatronics Certificate** that will prepare individuals to enter the Advanced Manufacturing industry as an Automated Equipment Technician. [Click here for more information!](#)

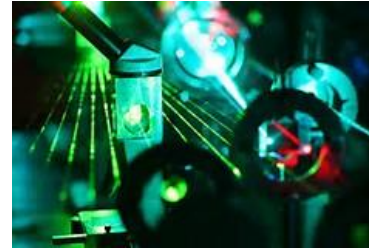


Manufacturing Day 2017 -- Resources for Event Hosts available online!

Manufacturing Day is fast approaching - help spread the word! Events can take place at any time during the month of October, NYS' official "Manufacturing Month." For more information, please [click here!](#)

Monroe 2 BOCES develops Photonics Lessons and Kits for use in Grades 6-12!

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES has developed photonics lessons and "kits" for use in the public education system (grades 6-12). Instead of fitting photonics into one content area, one class, or one elective course, these lessons are built to work across multiple content areas and grade levels. A Problem Based Learning (PBL) approach brings relevance and purpose to the NYS Standards. Accompanying industry-specific videos support some of the lessons by providing an authentic problem or entry event. These activities align to specific content standards and some are interdisciplinary. They can be used to engage students in content they are already required to learn. The high school curriculum also aligns with elements of MCC's dual enrollment OPT110 course. The instructional activities will be available for download and the Industry-aligned material resources will be available in organized "kits" that will be distributed through Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. Please contact Jill Slavny at JSlavny@monroe2boces.org for more information.



Register today -- the 12th Annual "FINGER LAKES WORKS...WITH THEIR HANDS!" event will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017!

Finger Lakes Works...with their hands! is the annual Skilled Trades and Advanced Manufacturing career exploration event at Rodman Lott & Son Farms in Seneca Falls. Every year several hundred students and school personnel from all area high schools and BOCES districts attend this exciting event. For complete details, click [HERE](#).

FAME Joint Pipeline/Hiring & Training Committee meeting to be held on September 21st!

Pipeline members are busy planning events for the 2017/2018 school year! The September 21st meeting will be held at the Boy Scouts of America Seneca Waterways Council (Exploring East) on Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road. To attend, please contact Michele at FAME, email: fame@nyfame.org

For minutes from recent meetings, please [click here](#).

Did your Company Hire Students this Summer? Check out this NYS Minimum Wage Tax Credit!

A NYS Minimum Wage Tax Credit program could assist employers that are hiring students in support of the FAME [5% Pledge](#) and Pipeline efforts. For the summer of 2018 the minimum wage will be \$10.40, and with this tax credit of \$1.35 the effective rate is \$9.05. Basically, employers get a credit of \$1.35/hour worked by a student between the ages of 16 years old and under 20 years old if paid at minimum wage. Furthermore, this credit is refundable -- which means that even if you don't owe any tax this credit can still create a refund! For more information, please visit:

https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/credits/minimum_wage_credit.htm

The following FAME members are hiring!

B + L/Valeant, <http://www.valeant.com/career>

CooperVision, <https://coopervision.com/our-company/who-we-are/careers>

Gorbel, <https://www.gorbel.com/careers/career-opportunities>

Hammer Packaging, <http://hammerpackaging.com/about-us/employment>

Optimax Systems Inc., <http://www.optimaxsi.com/careers/>

OptiPro Systems, <http://www.optipro.com/careers.html>

Parlec, LLC, e-contact for CNC related openings: dsaylor@parlec.com

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