



FAME e-News - November 2010

- **FAME Chair, Mike Mandina, invited to Washington by the National Skills Coalition!**
Mike Mandina, FAME Chair and President of Optimax Systems Inc., has been invited to share advanced manufacturers' insights about what is needed to create a skilled workforce that meets local industry's needs. He will be meeting with staff from the White House's Domestic Policy Council and Council of Economic Advisors, the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training at the Department of Labor, and bipartisan staff of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee—all key decision-makers in these national policy discussions. The group's focus is to learn what AM businesses are looking for in order to have skilled workers available to grow their businesses, and get the local economy back on track. Mike will provide a update on his visit in our next edition.
- **New FAME membership initiative in association with area Chambers of Commerce!**
Did you know that you can secure a discount on your company's FAME membership dues (Silver level and above) by also joining the Canandaigua, Geneva or Victor Chambers of Commerce? As part of a joint effort, FAME has agreed to discount 2011 membership fees by \$100 when your organization joins one of these three Chambers of Commerce at the same time! Already a member of one of the three Chambers indicated above? That's great, too! Just indicate that on your FAME membership application, and subtract \$100 from your dues. Members joining now will be paid through December 31, 2011. Don't delay, join FAME today!
http://www.nyfame.org/membership_packages.asp
- **FLCC ICTech program website now available!**
FLCC's new Instrumentation and Control Technologies Degree Program, developed in consultation with FAME members to address industry needs for AM technicians, is now up and running! Visit the FLCC website at: <http://www.flcc.edu/ictech/> for more information and a description of the courses offered under this unique A.A.S. degree program. The program features a required internship, with placements at many FAME member companies. Dr. Sam Samanta, Professor of Physics at FLCC, is happy to answer any industry or student questions on the new program, contact him directly at email: samantpg@flcc.edu
- **FAME October 5th event sponsor WCEOHQ Radio is looking for CEOs and Top Executives from Upstate NY manufacturing companies to join them as guests on *the CEO Hour*.**
The CEO Hour is an interactive two hour radio broadcast with hosts Bruce Peters and Diana Palotas, interviewing top business thought leaders from the Rochester-Syracuse-Buffalo business communities. Your time commitment would be a fraction of the total show time, on the order of about 20 minutes of air time with some additional prep time.

Your participation would consist of an interview and discussion on advanced manufacturing issues effecting Upstate NY businesses, as well as those specifically impacting your business. **The CEO Hour** also takes real-time calls from listeners (at #888-327-0061), and is committed to helping CEOs and business owners improve their businesses.

Additionally, **the CEO Hour** can be re-broadcast anytime via the MP3 archives, available at www.WCEOHQ-Radio.org and on [Apple's iTunes](#). **The CEO Hour** is brought to you by **The Washington Times** on the [WS Radio Network](#), the worldwide leader in internet talk, every Friday from Noon-2pm Eastern Time. For complete details on scheduling an appearance, please contact: Diana Palotas, Producer, WCEOHQ, email: dianap@wceohq-radio.org

- **Join FAME's Membership Committee!**
FAME is looking for members willing to help with outreach and strategies for recruiting new members.

If you're interested in being an ambassador for FAME, please contact Rich Gizzi, FAME Membership chair, email: rich.gizzi@htr.org

- **News you can use:**

No-Frills Manufacturing: Still A Major Job Prospect <http://citiwire.net/post/2365/>

New York's Growing Empire of High Technology

<http://www.nyfame.org/documents/SenCtyarticleNYgrowingempireOct2010.pdf>

- **Upcoming meetings and events:**

- *FAME Hiring & Training Committee Meeting*

Thursday, December 2 at 8AM, Location: FLWIB Geneva, or via Webinar
contact: Michele Stolberg, email: fame@nyfame.org

- *FAME Academic/Industry Roundtable at FLCC's Victor Campus*

An inaugural event, bringing educators and industry together, to discuss needs for current and future workforce positions and training.

Early December 2010 – more information available soon, watch FAME's website for details!

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- *Geneva Middle/High School Career Fair*

February 11, 2011 at 9am – An opportunity for students to explore many career options and dialogue with individuals who are actually involved in specific employment areas, this event is looking for companies willing to share their expertise.

contact: Lori Greene (Geneva High School), email: LGreene@genevacsd.org

- **Welcome new FAME members!**

- IMSM Ltd.

- Ultimate Recycled Plastics LLC

Thank you for your support of FAME!

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