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Middle & High School Students to Tour Local High-Tech Industry Sites in Hillsborough County for National MFG Day/Month in Florida

Starting October 1, as part of [Manufacturing Day](#), nearly 600 middle & high school students and educators in Hillsborough County will participate in 16 “Made in Florida” industry tours to 10 high-tech manufacturing sites in Tampa Bay area. A “Made in Florida” movie screening has also been scheduled at Middleton High School on Oct. 15, and a Manufacturers’ Award dinner organized by Upper Tampa Bay Manufacturers Association on Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. at Oldsmar. Hillsborough County is set to issue a countywide proclamation for Manufacturing Day on Oct. 7.

County	Industry Tour and MFG Day/Month Related Events	Contact Information
<p>Hillsborough County</p>	<p>American Products Inc., Arthur Machinery, Ball Metal Beverage Packaging Division, Chromalloy, DMG-Mori, HeatPipe, Mi-Tek, Somatron, Southern Manufacturing Technologies, Sypris.</p> <p>UTBMA Manufacturers’ Award Dinner</p> <p><i>Made in Florida</i> video screening at Middleton High School</p>	<p>Bay Area Manufacturers Association (BAMA) Becky Burton becky@bama.org</p> <p>Upper Tampa Bay Manufacturers Association (UTBMA) Jerry Custin JCustin@utbchamber.com</p> <p>Lauren Walden Lauren.Walden@sdhc.k12.fl.us</p>

The [Made in Florida](#) industry tours are made possible by [FLATE](#) (Florida Advanced Technological Education), the Florida-based National Science Foundation Center of Excellence, in partnership with the [Manufacturers Association of Florida](#), [Florida TRADE](#), and Regional Manufacturing Associations across the state which includes BAMA & UTBMA. The tours celebrate high-tech manufacturers across Florida, and are geared to educate/expand students’, educators’, parents’ and the community’s knowledge about STEM-based, high-tech careers & educational pathways in manufacturing in Hillsborough County and across Florida.

For information on these tours contact Becky Burton at becky@bama.org, and Jerry Custin and Lauren Walden at JCustin@utbchamber.com and Lauren.Walden@sdhc.k12.fl.us respectively. For more information about statewide manufacturing day related events contact Dr. Marilyn Barger, executive director of FLATE at barger@fl-ate.org/813.259.6578, and Nina Stokes, FLATE project manager at stokes@fl-ate.org/813.259.6587. You can also visit the official Manufacturing Day in Florida website at www.mfgday-fl.com and www.madeinflorida.org/manufacturing-day, or at www.MfgDay.com.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Becky Burton at BAMA, Jerry Custin and Lauren Walden at UTBMA, Dr. Marilyn, executive director of FLATE, Nina Stokes, FLATE project manager, will be available for interviews. Opportunity for photo and video coverage will also be available.