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600 Middle & High School Students in Sarasota & Manatee Counties to Tour High-Tech Industry Sites for National MFG Day/Month in Florida

Starting October 1, as part of [Manufacturing Day](#) in Florida, approximately 600 middle and high school students from approximately 17 schools will participate in approximately 18 *Made in Florida* industry tours to 10 high-tech manufacturing sites in Sarasota & Manatee counties, with an Open House and Career Fair scheduled at Manatee Technical College & Suncoast Technical College on Oct. 2 and Oct. 8, respectively. Sarasota County and Manatee County are set to issue countywide proclamations for Manufacturing Day on Oct. 21 and Oct. 22 respectively.

County	Made in Florida Industry Tours & MFG Day/Month Related Events	Contact Information
Sarasota & Manatee Counties	<p>Sarasota: ASO LLC, Cavanaugh Company-Black Diamond Strings, OCTEX, PGT Industries, Sun Hydraulics, Teakdecking, Veethree Electronics, Weber Manufacturing & Supplies</p> <p>Manatee: Dentsply-Raintree Essix, Pierce Manufacturing</p> <p>Open House/Career Fair: Suncoast Technical College; Open House: Manatee Technical College</p>	<p>Sarasota-Manatee Manufacturers Association (SAMA) Peter Straw pdstrawpds@comcast.net</p> <p>Sarasota & Manatee County Schools Martha Proulx Martha.Proulx@sarasotacountyschools.net</p> <p>Carol Lewis lewisc@manateeschools.net</p> <p>Doug Wagner wagnerd@manateeschools.net</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 SAMA & the School District of Sarasota & Manatee counties. 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 Sarasota and Manatee counties, and across Florida.

For more information on these tours please contact Peter Straw (pdstrawpds@comcast.net), Carol Lewis (lewisc@manateeschools.net), Doug Wagner (wagnerd@manateeschools.net) and Martha Proulx (Martha.Proulx@sarasotaschools.net). For information on statewide Manufacturing Day events contact Dr. Marilyn Barger, executive director of FLATE at barger@fl-ate.org/813.259.6578, and Danielly Orozco, FLATE curriculum coordinator at orozco@fl-ate.org/813.259.6575, or visit www.mfgday-fl.com and at www.MfgDay.com, or at www.madeinflorida.org/manufacturing-day.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Peter Straw, Carol Lewis, Martha Proulx, Doug Wagner, Dr. Marilyn Barger and Danielle Orozco will be available for interviews. Opportunity for photo and video coverage will also be available.