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500 Middle & High School Students in Pasco & Hernando Counties to Tour 20 High-Tech Industry Sites for National MFG Day/Month in October

Starting October 1, as part of [Manufacturing Day](#) in Florida, over 500 students from 24 schools (four middle and 20 high schools) will participate in approximately 17 “*Made in Florida*” industry tours to nearly 20 high-tech manufacturing sites in Pasco & Hernando counties. The tours in Pasco-Hernando counties represent a cohesive effort between Florida TRADE at PHSC, Career Source Pasco Hernando, and the school district. Pasco and Hernando counties are set to issue countywide proclamations for Manufacturing Day as follows:

- Sep. 22: Hernando County Board of Commissioners MFG Day County Proclamation
 Pasco County Board of Commissioners MFG Day County Proclamation
- Sep. 23: Greater Hernando Chamber of Commerce MFG Day County Proclamation

Hernando County School District and Pasco County School District already read their proclamations into record, with Pasco Economic Development and Career Source Pasco Hernando set to issue a proclamation as well. Additionally Career Source is hosting an industry tour for 15 “job ready” veterans on October 1.

County	Made in Florida Industry Tours & MFG Day/Month Related Events	Contact Information
<p>Pasco & Hernando Counties</p>	<p>Accuform Signs, Adams Arms, Alumni-Guard, American Manufacturing Skills Initiative, American Aviation, Artix Entertainment LLC., Bay-Tech Industries Inc., CEMEX USA, Flagstone Pavers Inc., Intrepid Machine Inc., Manzi Metals Inc., Micro Matic USA Inc., Oldcastle Coastal, Pharmaworks Inc., Qorvo Inc., Seaway Plastics Engineering LLC, Sun West Mine, Surge Suppression Inc., Zephyrhills Water</p>	<p>Florida TRADE at Pasco-Hernando College (PHSC) Margie Burnham burnham@phsc.edu</p> <p>Jennifer Ball ballj@phsc.edu</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 Florida TRADE at PHSC. 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 Pasco and Hernando counties & across Florida.

For information on these tours please contact Margie Burnham (burnham@phsc.edu) and Jennifer Ball (ballj@phsc.edu). For information on statewide Manufacturing Day events contact Dr. Marilyn Barger, executive director of FLATE at barger@fl-ate.org/813.259.6578, or visit www.mfgday-fl.com and www.MfgDay.com.