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260 Middle & High School Students from Polk County to Tour High-Tech Manufacturing Sites for National MFG Day/Month in Florida

Starting October 1, as part of [Manufacturing Day](#) in Florida, 260 students from 11 middle & high schools in [Polk County](#) will tour eight high-tech manufacturing sites. Polk County is set to issue countywide proclamation for Manufacturing Day on Oct. 2. Outlined below are the industry tours that have been scheduled for Polk County.

County	Made in Florida Industry Tours & MFG Day/Month Related Events	Contact Information
Polk County	JC Machine Inc., ITW Professional Automotive Products, Rockford-Ettco Proconier, Sofidel America, Packaging Corporation of America, Pepperidge Farm, MaxPak, Publix-Dairy Manufacturing.	Career Pathways at Polk State College Christopher Yannes cyannes@polk.edu

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 Career Pathways at Polk State College. The tours celebrate high-tech manufacturers across Florida, and are geared to educate and expand students', educators', parents' and the community's knowledge about STEM-based, high-tech careers & educational pathways in manufacturing in Polk County & across Florida.

For more information on these tours please contact Christopher Yannes at Polk State College at cyannes@polk.edu. For information on statewide Manufacturing Day-related 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.

***EDITOR'S NOTE:** Christopher Yannes at PSC, and Dr. Marilyn, executive director of FLATE, will be available for interviews. Opportunity for photo and video coverage will also be available.*