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**171 Middle & High Students from Career & Technical Schools in Manatee County To Tour High-Tech Industry Sites for National MFG Day/Month in Florida**

Starting October 1, as part of [Manufacturing Day](#) in Florida, approximately 171 middle and high school students from approximately 15 middle & high schools will participate in approximately 21 *Made in Florida* industry tours to six 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.

Participating Schools	Number of Students	Manufacturer/Industry Tour Host
Johnson Middle School	23	SunHydraulics
Carlos E. Haile Middle School	23	SunHydraulics
Braden River High School	50	Teakdecking
Bayshore High School	20	Teakdecking
Lakewood Ranch High School	55	Veethree Electronics & Marine, LLC
<b>Miscellaneous Events</b>		
Oct. 2	Open House at Manatee Technical College	
Oct. 22	Manatee County Manufacturing Day County Proclamation	

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.

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