Middlesex Community College is on the map for Manufacturing Month as they prepare for events in the months of October and move to their new location at their local technical high school. This month look forward to the following:

- A library display to highlight Manufacturing Month and student exhibition,
- Lunch-And-Learn presentation on the Connecticut Advanced Manufacturing Initiative (CAMI) on October 2nd,
- CAMI presentation at the Meriden Campus the week of October 5th, and
- The manufacturing program and CAMI will be presented at the “What can I do with a major in...” event on October 14th.

Naugatuck Valley Community College Updates

NVCC having great success with the expansion of the AMC program at Abott Technical High School. They now have two cohorts of the Incumbent Worker Program running three evenings per week. Greater Danbury companies have been sending their employees to this certificate program to enhance their skills. NVCC has also partnered with Kaynor Technical High School to provide the Waterbury area with specific classes based on area business need. These classes are non-credit, a bit shorter in duration, and more compact, and are designed to help companies enhance their key employee’s skills in specific technical areas in an abbreviated amount of time. The greater Waterbury area is known throughout the state as a center of the Tool & Die and Deep Draw Eyelet manufacturing industry. To meet this critical and specific training need, the AMTC program director and a number of industry partners are working together in a joint effort to develop a new tool & Die/Deep Draw Eyelet theory training curriculum. This much needed training class is now on schedule to be implemented spring 2016.

Asnuntuck to Host Several Manufacturing Month Events

- October 22nd they will have an exhibit at the ACM Trade Show which features the most experienced concentrations of world-class aerospace companies!
- October 23rd will be ACC’s Manufacturing Event for school children.
- October 27th from 4-6pm ACC will have an open house for the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Program which will feature tours, discussions, applications for interested students, and information on financial aid, scholarships, and career placement!
Three Rivers will begin its Pre-Manufacturing Program in mid-October for a cohort of 20+ students. The non-credit, 50-hour program will introduce students to Precision Sheet Metal careers, blue print reading, metrology, lean manufacturing, and manufacturing math. The classes will run Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning October 15 and concluding December 17, 2015. Completion of this program will prepare students for the credit Precision Sheet Metal Manufacturing certificate program (the only of its kind in the nation!), which will begin in January 2016. Interest in the Precision Sheet Metal Manufacturing program has been quite strong and a wait list is forming for future cohorts.

Second Annual American Manufacturing Hall of Fame Induction
By Michelle Hall, CAMI Project Director

On Thursday, October 8th, I was honored to attend the Second Annual American Manufacturing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony hosted by the HCC Foundation. As both a recent transplant to Connecticut and in my new role as the Project Director for the USDOL-funded Connecticut Advanced Manufacturing Initiative (CAMI), I’ve immersed myself in all things manufacturing in an effort to become a knowledgeable statewide ambassador to Connecticut Community Colleges’ Advanced Manufacturing programs.

The night’s event was both humbling and inspiring. I saw the very best that Connecticut has to offer in a span of four hours: deep-rooted family histories, innovative and adaptive thinking and personal triumph and success. Six new companies were inducted into the hall of fame, and two tenacious women, Kris Lorch and Katherine Saint, were honored for their leadership and steadfast determination to further advanced manufacturing education throughout the state. Additionally, we heard from the founder, keynote speaker and Bridgeport native, John Ratzenberger, another tireless advocate for the manufacturing industry both locally and nationally.

Finally, Kyle Delet-Kanic, recent HCC Advanced Manufacturing Program graduate, shared his story of self-discovery, overcoming personal trials through persistent hard work. Many students enrolled in today’s community college system juggle family, financial, and health challenges while trying to participate in academic coursework, something that many of us take for granted. The HCC program has helped Kyle, and others like Kyle, to take pride in knowing that “I made this”. The HCC Advanced Manufacturing Program boasts a 100% employment rate for their graduates, a testament to what is possible when industry and education come together to improve the lives of individuals.

Manchester Community College
Be on the lookout! In our next quarterly newsletter we will feature Manchester Community College and the events that were held for Manufacturing Month.

Second Annual American Manufacturing Hall of Fame Induction
By Michelle Hall, CAMI Project Director

On Thursday, October 8th, I was honored to attend the Second Annual American Manufacturing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony hosted by the HCC Foundation. As both a recent transplant to Connecticut and in my new role as the Project Director for the USDOL-funded Connecticut Advanced Manufacturing Initiative (CAMI), I’ve immersed myself in all things manufacturing in an effort to become a knowledgeable statewide ambassador to Connecticut Community Colleges’ Advanced Manufacturing programs.

The night’s event was both humbling and inspiring. I saw the very best that Connecticut has to offer in a span of four hours: deep-rooted family histories, innovative and adaptive thinking and personal triumph and success. Six new companies were inducted into the hall of fame, and two tenacious women, Kris Lorch and Katherine Saint, were honored for their leadership and steadfast determination to further advanced manufactur-

Three Rivers Begins Pre-Manufacturing Program

Three Rivers will begin its Pre-Manufacturing Program in mid-October for a cohort of 20+ students. The non-credit, 50-hour program will introduce students to Precision Sheet Metal careers, blue print reading, metrology, lean manufacturing, and manufacturing math. The classes will run Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning October 15 and concluding December 17, 2015. Completion of this program will prepare students for the credit Precision Sheet Metal Manufacturing certificate program (the only of its kind in the nation!), which will begin in January 2016. Interest in the Precision Sheet Metal Manufacturing program has been quite strong and a wait list is forming for future cohorts.