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New COVID-19 guidelines are in place for the next three weeks for the state of Michigan. Please note the GLBMA office is open and available to help with resources. Feel free to contact us with any need you may have that we can help with. We are all in this together.

GLBMA Highlights

It is getting to be that time of the year again. Please share with your employees that the GLBMA has a scholarship opportunity at Delta College for a Skilled Trades Program. All applications are processed through the Delta College Financial Aid portal. The application process opens December 16, 2020 and runs through February 3, 2021. More information can be found at [Delta College Financial Aid \(link\)](#).



The November Quality Special Interest Group has been rescheduled due to current COVID-19 guidelines!

November topic: Effective Management Review and Internal Audits

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Time: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Location: Virtual - TEAMS Meeting
(link provided on December 14th)

Register Link: [Click to register now!](#)

The Quality Special Interest Group (SIG) is a professionally facilitated group of the Great Lakes Bay Manufacturers Association (GLBMA). This SIG focuses on providing a forum to discuss and review quality systems, validate the need, and discuss industry updates, new regulations. It will also serve as a place where Quality employees can discuss issues in a confidential setting.

Still time to register. A meeting link will be sent on Monday, December 14, 2020 to attend the meeting. We ask that you register to attend **prior** to noon on December 14 to be included.

If you were registered for November's date, you were already sent a calendar invite request, you will not have to re-register for the December date.

Looking forward to 2021



The GLBMA Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 & 25, 2020 for Christmas and Thursday, December 31, 2020 and Friday, January 1, 2021 for New Years.

The January renewal invoices will be sent out between Christmas and New Year's.

Thank you for your support!

We wish you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving! Please note the GLBMA office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27, 2020 in observance of Thanksgiving.



Your monthly news & updates



MMA announces new date for the MFG Awards

The 2020 MFG Excellence Awards will be held Thursday, January 28, 2021. This free Virtual Celebration will celebrate the Manufacturer of the Year, Talent Champion, MFG Woman of the Year, Community Impact, Emerging Leader, Lifetime Achievement, and more. In addition, the winner of the Coolest Thing Made in Michigan will be announced.

Learn more about the event at mimfg.org.

Check out the latest issue of the [MiMfg Magazine](#).

The Future of Connected Devices

by Erik Fogelmand and Jeff Orszak

[Manufacturing Innovation Blog Share](#)

With the increasing power of digital technology, the vision of a connected manufacturing system that can sense, analyze, and respond will soon be a reality. This vision – called “intelligent edge” – combines computing power, data analytics and advanced connectivity to allow responses to be made much closer to where the data is captured. It takes emerging Internet of Things (IoT) and Industry 4.0 capabilities to the next level.

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