



Announcements

We hope you had a happy fourth of July. We have a lot of events and programs coming up in the next several months. Please check for details and we hope you can join us.

Please note: all **blue colored text** as well as some photos are a hyperlink.



What's in the newsletter this month!

- Welcome
- Poll
- GLBMA Events/Programs
- Partner News/Events
- Automation Alley
- Michigan Manufacturers Association News/Events

Thank you to Linda Sims for the beautiful photo from July 4th.

Welcome - New Members



TiAL Products

TiAL® Products Inc takes pride in establishing its company reputation by designing the highest quality engineered products for today's performance turbo charging systems, castings, and other markets.

[Read more](#)

What kind of soft skill trainings are you most interested in?

Basic computer skills

Basic gauge and measurement

Work life skills

Safety & First Aid

Mental Health First Aid

Excel Training

Phone skills and email protocol

Social media for industry

Other - please email other items to tblehm@svsu.edu

Comments can be emailed to tblehm@gmail.com. Results will be shared next month.

Last months results are shown below.

Are you interested in Soft Skills Trainings? ie. excel, customer service, etc.

Total Responses: 29

Yes - 34.5% (10)

No - 13.8% (4)

Maybe - 51.7% (15)

GLBMA News

Last chance to be included in our wage survey!

Here is your chance to share and obtain local wage information. Please complete the following wage survey for the GLBMA region. The HR Special Interest Group will be using this information at their August Meeting.

This process consists of two parts:

1. Please download the Excel Spreadsheet provided, which contains wage information categorized by position. Fill in the wages to the best of your ability for the positions within your organization. Feel free to skip positions that are not applicable. Additionally, you can add any necessary positions to the spreadsheet.
2. After completing the spreadsheet, kindly fill out the attached survey and submit it along with your wage spreadsheet. Please ensure that your submission is clearly labeled with your industry and the corresponding year or date.

[Download spreadsheet here!](#)

[Complete Wage/Benefit Survey here](#)

Please Register by Friday, July 19, 2024

GLBMA NETWORKING OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

JULY 23, 2024
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

GREAT LAKES SAFETY TRAINING CENTER
- MIDLAND

WOMEN IN MANUFACTURING - OLYMPICS

Join us for an evening of NETWORKING and FUN!
We are encouraging all members to come and support their favorite player.

We will have 30 minutes of open networking and between each round of play. Prize for the largest cheering section by participant. Encourage your employees to attend and meet other manufacturing members.

4:30 pm Participant check-in and networking

5:00 pm Games begin

We anticipate 5 rounds of play with 15 minutes of networking between each round.

6:25 pm Winner and prizes announced

REGISTER TO ATTEND - [HERE!](#)

HOT DOGS, CHIPS, COOKIES AND SODA/WATER PROVIDED!



For more information:
Tanya Blehm
989-964-2881
tblehm@svsu.edu



Yes, I plan to attend this event!



BEER & BRATS

With Amigo Mobility

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 2024

Tour Amigo Mobility and learn about our new way of moving more.

2:30pm **NETWORKING**

Check-in, network, and learn about the history of Amigo.

3:00pm **TOUR**

Explore Amigo's new 50,000 sq. ft. building and existing facilities.

4:00pm **SOCIAL HOUR**

Enjoy beer and brats while learning about Amigo's latest Material Handling innovations

RSVP NOW



RSVP THROUGH THE GLBMA

Scan this QR code and fill out the form to RSVP through the GLBMA.



INFORMATION

Food is provided. We ask that you bring your safety glasses and wear closed toed shoes.

Space is limited and registration is required.

If you plan to join us make sure you have registered.

For additional information or to register by phone call 989-964-2881 or glbma.org.

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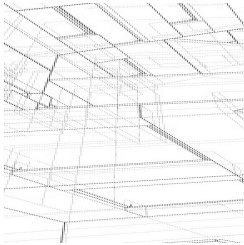
I am attending this tour, save me a space

Save the date - for our next plant tour!

We will be touring the new Vantage Plastics location from 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. More details coming soon!

Open Enrollment Offered

In partnership with the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center (MMTC) and the GLBMA, we have several classes with limited seats. These classes were part of the Employer Led Collaborative, so you will have the benefit of learning with other companies. Please note these classes are at 2023 pricing. Great opportunity to get your new hire or others trained without having to wait.



Blueprint Reading

This one-day interactive course will help equip participants with the skills needed to read and interpret 2D prints. Participants begin to recognize forms and lines, cut away drawings, drawing conventions and features and dimensions. The issue of tolerancing is addressed with a short overview of statistical basics such as normal distribution and process capability. Pre-tests help participants evaluate current skills. Post-tests indicate realized gains from the day's interactive exercises.

August 22, 2024 or
October 24, 2024

8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Michigan Works! - Saginaw
312 E. Genesee Ave
Saginaw

\$395 per person



Supervisor Skills

Pointing the supervisors in the right direction will lead towards running more efficiently. In addition to seeing an improvement in employee morale, you can expect to see an increase in production, less turnover, fewer internal conflicts, better employee discipline, higher employee buy-in and respect. Bearing that in mind, we found that it is best to keep our courses based off of application learning instead of lecture for increased retention and success rates.

September 24, 25 & 26, 2024 or
December 3, 4, & 5, 2024

8:00 am to 4:30 pm each day
Michigan Works! - Saginaw
312 E. Genesee Ave.

\$975 per person



Practical Approach to Project Management

Following the Project Management Book of Knowledge, this course satisfies the educational requirements to sit for the Project Management Professional certification (PMP). Participants will learn the tools and techniques for planning, executing, and monitoring strategic initiatives using our exclusive Active Learning Model (ALM) to apply concepts in real-time on a case study. A disciplined approach to project management can greatly reduce the pains of project cost overruns, schedule and deployment delays, and decreasing customer satisfaction.

October 8 & 9, 2024 or
November 17 & 18, 2024

8:00 am to 4:30 pm each day
Michigan Works! - Saginaw
312 E. Genesee Ave.

\$1,200 per person

Register for August

Register for Sept.

Register for October

Register for October

Register for
December

Register for Nov.

Eight Teams Left for the GLBMA Golf Outing!

Thank you for supporting our annual GLBMA golf outing.



Register to golf!



Rummel Benefits Group
SVSU College of Science, Engineering, &
Technology
AHP CPAs * Advisors
Moltus Building Group
Duperon
Michigan Manufacturers Association
ATD Engineering & Machine LLC
PF Markey
Peabody Insurance

Still looking for hole sponsors!
Other opportunities available too.
Call Tanya 989-964-2881.

Cost for a team is \$600 and an individual is \$175
Networking only - Dinner with a drink ticket \$40

We look forward to hosting you and your team
on Thursday, September 19, 2024,
at Swan Valley Golf Course

Golf includes:

18 holes with cart in scramble format (teams of 4)
Light breakfast items with Coffee
Box lunch
Dinner and awards
Two - drink tickets
Golfer gift for each golfer
Opportunity for a door prize
Opportunity to play additional games on course (Some free and some have additional fees.)

THIS YEAR - We need a designated team captain for each team. The team captain will be responsible for picking up the registration materials. We hope this will alleviate congestion at registration.

All golfers who have provided their email addresses will receive an event confirmation on the Monday before the event.

Please note that all golfers must be paid in full one week before the outing. Teams without payment and a designated captain will be dropped from the outing to make room for others.

Thank you to Swan Valley Golf Course for hosting this event and to all our sponsors.

Save the Date for the Annual Meeting

You won't want to miss this Annual Meeting - October 17, 2024 at the Double Tree in Bay City.

We are looking forward to our guest speaker Jeremy Bout with Edge Factor! New this year, time to browse our Manufacturing showcase. Be sure to block your calendar from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm. More details will be released shortly.

Thank you to Fullerton Tools for sponsoring our speaker and Magline for sponsoring our centerpieces. **If you would like to sponsor or purchase an add in the program please download the opportunity booklet [here](#).**



October 17, 2024
11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Bay City Double Tree

Save the Date for the Manufacturing, Makerspace, and Merriment networking event!

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Details will be shared shortly.

Quality Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting

Join us for our Next Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held

September 4, 2024 - APQA and Control Plans

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Saginaw Valley State University - Riverfront Saginaw Center, 200 S. Washington Ave.

Join us for a look into the new changes of APQP and Controls Plans with trainer Rocky Kimball from AIAG. We will focus on updates and changes to the APQP 3rd Edition to facilitate a better understanding of how your APQP program will be impacted, provide examples of new elements, and explore the managerial side of APQP in more detail. A control plan is a critical document used in manufacturing to ensure product quality and consistency. The control plan is an integral part of the APQP process and is to be utilized as a living document, evolving to incorporate improvements and lessons learned as they occur. It is built progressively, according to the stage of the product development (Prototype, Pre-Launch, and Production). Bring your control plan and APQP to review.

Save the date for our last meeting for 2024 December 4, 2024. This meeting will be offered virtually and be held in partnership with the Capitol Area Manufacturing Council, and the Jackson Area Manufacturers Association. This event is also open to the CMMMA members.

Thank you to AVU Registrations and Nexteer for coordinating this group.

If you do not get the Quality SIG emails now and would like to stay informed please let us know.

Women in Manufacturing Special Interest Group (WIM) Events

Save the date and registration now open for the Holiday Soiree

Thursday, November 14, 2024

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Moltus Building Group - Hemlock

Event cost \$15 per person

Join us for an evening of networking, decorating holiday cookies, and card making. Everyone works together and all supplies are provided. Enjoy a glass of wine and snacks while learning a new skill or exercise your talent. Fun door prize drawing.

Bring an item for the Foster Care Christmas program supported by Moltus Building Group and earn extra raffle tickets for the evenings drawing. A list will be available closer to the event.

Take home approx. 2 pounds of fudge, 2 dozen cookies and any holiday cards you care to make.

Thank you to our sponsor PNC Bank for sponsoring this event and group.

The Women in Manufacturing (WIM) group is open to anyone who wishes to join us. This is a non sales group. Our focus is networking and socializing with like minded women fostering relationships to encourage women to choose careers in manufacturing or trades that would not normally be considered. If you would like to receive updates please let us know.

[Register for the November Meeting](#)



Human Resource Special Interest Group

August 20 - Benefit Review - Vantage Plastics Bay City

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Agenda:

8:00 - 8:15 Check-in, light breakfast, and networking

8:15 - 8:45 Wage survey review and discussion

8:45 - 9:30 Panel discussion on benefits

9:30 - 10:00 Questions, Answers, & announcements

November 19 - Topic to be determined - Michigan Works! Great Lakes Bay Region - Saginaw office.

The Human Resource group is open to HR professionals and students. This is a non sales group. The focus of this group is to keep the HR professionals up to date with current HR topics. Registration will be required for all meetings. If you would like to receive meeting notices and updates please let us know.

Supply Chain Special Interest Group



July 30, 2024
9:30 am - 11:00 am
MMA Headquarters
620 S. Capitol Ave, Lansing

Join MMA, the Capital Area Manufacturing Council (CAMC), Central Michigan Manufacturers Association (CMMA) and the Great Lakes Bay Manufacturers Association (GLBMA) for a robust discussion on supply chain and how manufacturers are being affected. Special Guest Amy Broglin is adjunct faculty within Michigan State University's #1-ranked Supply Chain Management program, teaching upper-level undergraduate Logistics & Transportation Management and Supply Chain Application & Policy (capstone), and Field Study Research at the Master's level.

Register [here](#) or contact MMA's Elizabeth Maciejewski, 517-487-8542 or maciejewski@mimfg.org, for details to participate virtually.

Amy Broglin

Adjunct Faculty

Michigan State University Supply Chain Management

Amy is the principal consultant leading end-to-end global supply chain, logistics, transportation and purchasing strategy development, reengineering and deployment projects. She works with major companies within several industries and serves as advisor to academia and research groups. Amy was previously a global supply chain, purchasing and logistics executive with extensive success designing and implementing high-dollar transformative supply chain projects within large global companies. She is a recognized leader of global teams and recipient of multiple customer and internal awards.

This is a joint event that is free to all members of the GLBMA, CMMA, CAMC, JAMMA and MMA. This Special Interest Group will be held in partnership of the CAMC moving forward and will be available in a blended format being offered in-person and virtual.

Partner News

Bay Future Honors GLBMA Members at their Annual meeting

Congratulations to Bay Carbon and Vantage Plastics for their investments in Bay county. If you missed the meeting check out the highlights below.



Congratulations to Dan Dralle of Nexteer

Dan Dralle, Executive Director of Global Cost Improvement Process & US Gov't Affairs was recently recognized with the Heart of the City Award. This award is based on his commitment to service and volunteerism in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Community.



Vantage Plastics Named a 2023 GM Supplier of the Year

We are beyond thrilled to share the incredible news that Vantage Plastics has been named a recipient of the prestigious 2023 GM Supplier of the Year award! This recognition highlights our unwavering dedication to driving innovation and delivering excellence with GM, contributing to a more sustainable and efficient future. We remain committed to our goals of enhancing performance, reducing environmental impact, and driving forward with initiatives that support sustainability.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our exceptional team for their tireless efforts and to General Motors for this esteemed recognition of our hard work and commitment. We are proud to have our work acknowledged in this way and are excited about our company's future opportunities. Learn more about GM's 2023 Suppliers of the Year in our article below.

[Read more.](#)

Middle Michigan MiCareerQuest is in the Final Stages of Planning

Michigan Works! Great Lakes Bay Region with Michigan Works! 7B Region have started their planning sessions for the upcoming MiCareerQuest event. To be held October 11, 2024.

If you would like to be included in the next session to be held in person on April 24, 2024 from 10:00 am to Noon at the Saginaw Michigan Works! location, please contact Earlene Bohlen at micqmm2024@michiganworks.com

If you are new to the MiCareerQuest event, you can find more information about this event at www.micareerquestmm.com.

Advanced Manufacturing Expo set for August 7 & 8

- 100% FREE TO ATTEND
- Boston Dynamics Keynote and Exhibitor
- Explore 250+ Exhibitors in 160,000 SqFt
- 16 Industry-Leading Presentations – 8/7
- LIVE CNC and Robotics Demonstrations
- i4.0 Accelerator Pitch Event & Speakers
- Automation Hall Sponsored by Industrial Control
- Metalworking Hall Sponsored by Creston Industrial Sales
- MRO/Safety Hall Sponsored by Action Industrial Supply
- i4.0 Technology Hall Sponsored by i4.0 Accelerator
- MMTC "Smart Manufacturing Zone"
- Pre-Register today and save time
- On-site registration is also available
- Free two-hour parking to the first 2000 attendees
- and much more!



For complete details on this event, sponsors, and registration, click [here](#).

Bay Arenac ISD seeking a Electronics/Robotics Instructor for Mechatronics program

Do you know someone who has retired from manufacturing, and is looking for a second career? Please share this local teaching opportunity at the Bay Arenac Skill Center in Bay City. Access job description [here](#).

Join the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP),
in collaboration with the Michigan Alliance of APEX Accelerators, for:

Mentor-Protégé Program Summit 2024

Building Partnerships and Strengthening Resilience



Overview:

The Department of Defense (DoD) Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP) helps eligible small businesses enhance their capabilities and expand their footprint in the defense industrial base. Small businesses are partnered with larger companies to help enhance their capabilities to perform as subcontractors and viable suppliers under DoD contracts, other federal government, and commercial contracts.

At this event, you will have the opportunity to:

- Immerse yourself in learning through discussions, workshops, and keynote speeches by government, industry, and academia experts
- Discover invaluable resources and strategies to foster partnerships between mentoring firms and small business proteges
- Build partnerships and strengthen resilience in the defense industrial base
- Connect with major primes and key individuals from government, industry, and academia which could potentially lead to a partnership agreement for the Mentor-Protégé Program

Dates: **JUL 29 - AUG 1, 2024**

Location: **Detroit, MI**
Huntington Place Conv. Center

Hosts:

Farook Mitha

Director of OSBP

Kasey Diaz

*Deputy Director of OSBP
and MPP Director*

Register Here

There is a cost to attend



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DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Michigan APEX Accelerators are funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Defense (DOD), and in part by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

Click [here](#) to download flyer with live link for registration.

Save the date for the Axia Institute Summit on Supply Chain

This year's summit will be held October 19 & 20, 2024 in Midland. The topic is: Traceability across Industries. More information will be available shortly.

You're Invited

Please click on
graphic to
download the flyer.

GLOBAL BUSINESS CLUB: SPOTLIGHT ON VIETNAM



ABOUT

THE EVENT

As part of the Global Business Club of Michigan's Market Spotlight Series, the MSU International Business Center is partnering with the U.S. Commercial Service and the Van Andel Global Trade Center to highlight the Vietnamese market. This event will feature **market overviews**, a **panel of Michigan business leaders** sharing their experiences, **lunch**, **networking**, and the opportunity for **1-on-1 meetings with trade service providers**. For questions contact IBC Assistant Director Hannah Pszenica, email: pszenica@msu.edu

DETAILS

AND REGISTRATION

When: August 14, 2024 from 10am-3pm

Where: Seidman College of Business, Grand Rapids

Fee: \$25, Includes lunch

Deadline: August 9, 2024



For information and to register scan QR code or visit:

[HTTPS://IBC.BROAD.MSU.EDU/GBCLUB](https://IBC.BROAD.MSU.EDU/GBCLUB)

AGENDA

10:00am: Doors Open

10:30am: Market Overviews

11:15am: Michigan Business Exporters Panel

12:00: Lunch

1:00pm: Networking, 1-on-1 Meetings with Trade Service Providers

3:00pm: Close



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From Algorithms to Action: HR's AI Journey by Rehmann

Artificial Intelligence is revolutionizing HR practices, impacting recruitment, employee engagement, benefits administration, and more. Watch the video below.



The Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance offers a Welcome Guide

Welcome guides are available for area businesses, educators and other organizations. These guides are a great additional resource for new employees and parents to feel connected to the Great Lakes Bay Region.

The guide outlines:

- Places you can see.
- Places you can eat.
- Places you can play.
- Places you can go.
- Places you can learn.

- Places you can live.
- Kids and STEM events/activities.
- How to connect in the region.
- Exploration of downtown districts.

Guides are personalized to your business, organization, or school.

Message lflippin@greatlakesbay.org if you are interested in a personalized Welcome Guide.

See sample below and click on to see on webpage.

ABOUT SAGINAW AND THE GREAT LAKES BAY REGION



Living in Michigan

Michigan isn't just a great place to work and do business; it's about a lifestyle that offers everything from urban excitement to the great outdoors. Few other states offer geographical diversity and a range of activities for people seeking an active, adventurous lifestyle. The state's two peninsulas are surrounded by four Great Lakes, boasting more freshwater shoreline than anywhere else in the nation. Add that to our four distinct seasons, and you'll find endless ways to experience the wonder that is Pure Michigan. Explore popular resident services below.

Cities in the Great Lakes Bay Region

Walkable, riverfront towns where **shops** and **eateries** dot the blocks, with cozy **stays** right near inviting **waters**. Neighborhoods humming with low-key **nightlife** — local **pours** and delicious comfort **food**. Historic theaters and alluring architecture, pristine **art galleries**, and polished **museums**.

Moments like these fill every pocket of these six magnetic cities. But if you've seen one of them? You've still only seen one. Because while **unsalted freshwaters** and **unspoiled trails** knit this **nature-rich region** together — each one-of-a-kind locale adds its own splash of personality. Explore them all! [Great Lakes Bay](#)

Join us for the 13th Annual Regional Chamber Summit

Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce <rebecca@saginawchamber.org>

Thu 7/18/2024 9:10 AM

To: Tanya L. Blehm <tblehm@SVSU.edu>






PARTNERS IN GROWTH

13TH ANNUAL

**Great Lakes
Bay Regional
CHAMBER
SUMMIT**



August 14, 2024 | 11:30-1:00 p.m.
Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Great Hall Banquet & Conference Center
5121 Bay City Road | Midland, MI 48642

Featuring Kevin Zielke
General Counsel for
Accident Fund Insurance of America

2024 Award Winners

Small Business – Sandlot Sports
Individual – Kati Mora
Quality of Life – Bay City Fireworks Festival
Corporate Achievement – Dow Credit Union

**Registration: \$55 per person
or \$440 table of 8**

REGISTER NOW!

<https://outlook.office.com/mail/id/AAMkADM5YmZINTc1LTg4ODItNGE2My1hYTk3LTgwNTEzNDczYjg0MQBGAAAAA31c2r6uv6R6%2B1Syk%2F4...> 1/3

[Download complete flyer and information here](#)

Congratulations to Tara Stensrud with Yeo & Yeo CPAs & Advisors

Tara Stensrud, CPA, NSSA, PFS Tax & Consulting Principal with Yeo & Yeo received the 2023 Client Advocate Award from Avantax Planning Partners. To read the complete story and more about Tara, click [here](#).



Congratulations to Trisha Schuette Northstar

Bank

Congratulations to Trisha Schuette, who was promoted to Assistant Vice President- Senior Accountant recently.

Trisha has been with Northstar Bank for over 5 years. We look forward to her continued contribution in her expanded role of reconciling general ledger accounts, assisting with the preparation of financial statements and preparing and filing regulatory reports.



Eugene Seals, Jr. named President/CEO of Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce

Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board, Seth Perigo, is pleased to announce that the Board has selected Eugene Seals, Jr. as the Chamber's new President/CEO. Eugene will succeed retiring president Veronica Horn.

Perigo stated "Eugene has tremendous passion for Saginaw County and the Great Lakes Bay Region as well as a strong vision for the role of the Chamber in the future growth and success of our business community. Our Board of Directors was fortunate to have a number of very qualified candidates to interview, and we're excited that Eugene will continue the strong support for business that our members have grown to expect from our Chamber."



Since May of 2021, Seals has held the position of Saginaw County Chamber Director of Membership and Sponsorship Sales as well as Director of the Chamber's Momentum Minority and Women-owned Business and Mentorship Program. He is in year two of the four-year Chamber Institute for Organization Management program run by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He currently is also Director of Operations and Sales for Pride Basketball 21/Pride Academy 21 which provides sports training, camps and AAU programs to youth in a fun and safe environment.

A Saginaw native, Seals is dedicated to the community and has a passion for working with area youth. He has volunteered with Center of Attraction & Christ Community Church Summer Programs, Boy Scouts of America, Power of Dad, Children's Grief Center of the Great Lakes Bay Region, Saginaw Public Schools and other youth agencies.

Horn will continue working until the end of the year to support the leadership transition. Seals will assume the position and responsibilities of President/CEO on July 1, 2024.

Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

LEO's Mental Health in the Workplace monthly webinar series features discussions around the importance of investing in mental health to build stronger, more resilient workplaces.

Each month LEO offers a Webinar in their series of the Mental Health in the Workplace.

These can be viewed [here](#).

Visit the LEO Mental Health in the Workplace site [here](#).

Michigan Manufacturers Association Updates

MMA 2024 Events

MMA | mimfg.org | 517.372.5900 | view current edition of the Mi Mfg Magazine [here!](#)



It is that Time of the Year Again.

Nominations for all awards are accepted until **August 16, 2024**. You can find more details [here](#) on the awards and event.

MMA Events

July 30 - Supply Chain Special Interest Group Meeting

August 1 - Where Does eCommerce Fit Within Manufacturing?

September 9 - Make an Impact Golf Outing

October ? - Brews & Ballot Regional Meeting (Details coming soon)

November 6 - Manufacturing Excellence Awards

Save the date for the MMA OPS Conference - April 17, 2025. Accepting speaking proposals starting September 2024.

Elections Matter, Especially to Manufacturers in Michigan Looking for Pro-manufacturing Legislative Policies

Participating in electoral politics is a necessary business strategy for manufacturers. Electing pro-manufacturing leaders is paramount to the success of the industry.

MMA has completed our process to endorse pro-manufacturing candidates for the Michigan Primary on Tuesday, 8/6/24. This extensive vetting includes review of candidate questionnaires and incumbent vote records, conversations with candidates and evaluation of races. The list of 72 endorsed candidates for the Michigan House is available at mimfg.org/election. We encourage you to share with your employees to help take full advantage of manufacturing's political footprint. MMA members are located in every corner of this state and are often primary economic drivers in their local communities.

Once MMA has developed the list of endorsed candidates for each election, we publish it statewide, inform the candidates and let all members know who we believe will advocate for pro-manufacturing policies. After the Primary Election, the endorsement process will begin again for the General Election and that list will be released in late August.

We encourage all manufacturers to review our endorsements for candidates in your area and share your views with your administrative decision-making level employees to make sure manufacturing hits at its appropriate political weight. As the largest sector of the Michigan economy, we need to make our voice heard.

MMA Service Corporation Board of Directors Continues to Serve Members

Earlier this Spring, the MMA Executive Committee elected manufacturing leaders to serve on the MMA Service Corp (MMASC) Board of Directors.

Mike Wilson, President of Grand Haven's ASSEM-tech Inc., was elected as Chair of the MMASC Board while Storch Products President & CEO Matt Carr and Humphrey Products President & CFO Dave Maurer were elected to serve on the governing body. [Learn more about MMASC's leadership and their commitment to Michigan manufacturers.](#)

Automation Alley Updates

INTEGR8 Industry 4.0 Playbook

The latest Playbook is available now.

Transformative Synergy

Diving into the Digital Realm

Creating a Secure Future

The Rise of AI

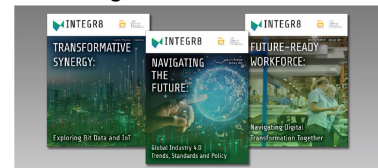
Shaping Tomorrow

Future Ready Workforce

Navigating the Future



A year-long exploration into
Digital Transformation



View Digital Playbooks at integr8series.com

Trade Mission to India

Automation Alley's next trade mission has been set for January 17-25, 2025. For more details click [here](#).

We welcome your company updates and events but ask that they be ready to cut and paste to ensure that data transfer is correct and no errors occur. The GLBMA policy is to share items that align with manufacturing in our newsletter. The GLBMA reserves the right to correct any grammatical errors prior to publishing. The GLBMA reserves additional emails for events, partners, state initiatives, and MFG Champions*. The GLBMA does not share or publish our contact list, event list, or email list. If you would like to submit something for consideration, please send it to tlblehm@svsu.edu. The GLBMA reserves the right to use submissions and edit for grammar or punctuation for clarification. **The GLBMA newsletter is published about the 15th of each month, items must be received no later than the 10th of the month.** Thank you.

*MFG Champions are allowed one email per year; please call 989-964-2881 for more details.

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Meet Mt. Pleasant
Mt. Pleasant Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

Free entry at:



Shiawassee Wildlife Refuge
June 8th from 10am to 3pm
Pollinator Extravaganza



Castle Museum
July 10th from 10am - 4:30pm
Castle Museum SUMMER Staycation



Forest Hills Nature Center
July 24th, 31st, August 7th from 9am - 10:30am
Backyard Birding-Rain will cancel event



Delta College Planetarium
August 8th at 10:30am - 12:00 pm
Summer Staycation Event



State Street Academy
August 15th at 11:30am
Staycation Day Event

Prizes include:

1st Place: Dutch Village Adventure Park - 4
Passes for golf, batting cages and ice cream.

2nd Place: Rooftop Landing Reindeer
Farm - Gift Card for entry to the
Reindeer Farm for 4 people.

3rd Place: 4 Loons lawn tickets for Sunday, August 11th,
1:05 pm game vs the Lansing Lugnuts with a game
highlight of a Kids Club Takeover with PBS Kids.

To enter: Post a picture on Facebook and
tag us @STEMPipeline (post must be public)



User-friendly
calendar



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the STEM
Pipeline
Calendar



STEM Staycation

June 8th - August 15th



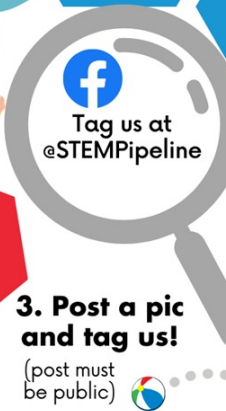
How it works:



1. Check out the
STEM Pipeline
Calendar



2. Visit any number of the
STEM Passport locations
below or free events



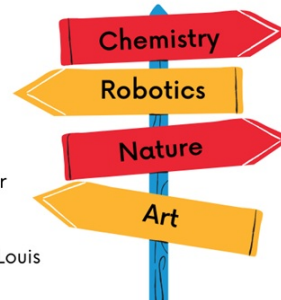
3. Post a pic
and tag us!
(post must
be public)

Great Lakes Bay Region STEM Passport locations:

For a chance to win
some pretty neat prizes!

- Arenac Community Center
- Bay City State Recreation Area
- Bay County Library System:
 - Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library
 - Auburn Area Branch Library
 - Pinconning Branch Library
 - Historical Sage Library
 - Bookmobile + Outreach Services
- The Historical Museum of Bay County
- Beal City Public Schools
- Beaverton Activity Center
- Castle Museum of Saginaw County
- Chippewa Nature Center
- Clare-Gladwin RESD SPARKS
- CMU Center for Excellence in STEM
- Delta College Planetarium
- Delta Kids/Michigan Learning Channel
- Dow GLBI's STEM Center
- Forest Hill Nature Area, Alma
- Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum
- Midland Center for the Arts
- Mid-Michigan Children's Museum
- MSU St. Andrews STEAM Education & Research
- Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum
- Saginaw Children's Zoo
- Saginaw ISD - Hartley Outdoor Education Center
- Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge/Green Point Nature Center
- Saginaw STEM
- STEM@SVSU
- T.A. Cutler Memorial Library, Saint Louis
- YMCA Camp Timbers

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explore today?



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