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15 Scholarships Awarded for Manufacturing Training

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Elevate Advanced Manufacturing, a non-profit initiative spreading the word about career opportunities in manufacturing, has awarded 15 \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who are going to attend an Iowa Community College in the fall for a career in advanced manufacturing.

“Manufacturing firms supply more than 208,858 jobs to Iowans,” said Mike Ralston, President of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry. “These well-paying careers require education and training beyond high school, but don’t require the often-burdensome cost of a bachelor’s degree. Recent studies have shown that two-year degree holders, especially in high-demand manufacturing occupations, can earn salaries that surpass those of college graduates.”

This year, Elevate Advanced Manufacturing received 58 scholarship applications and all 15 community colleges will be recognized along with their awardee. Elevate Advanced Manufacturing and the community colleges will award the scholarship at each senior's high school award ceremony this spring.

The community colleges can choose to award the non-winner applicants with dollars from the college or by asking a local manufacturer company to sponsor a scholarship for the student. By doing so, this will benefit the college by bringing more students to their colleges and promoting their advanced manufacturing programs.

In addition to a \$500 scholarship, Elevate Advanced Manufacturing scholarship recipients will be honored at the Legends in Manufacturing Award Ceremony on October 2, 2018 at Prairie Meadows Event Center.

The 2018 scholarship awardees are:

1. Quinn Swaim, Des Moines Area Community College, Industrial Maintenance and Welding Technician & Technology

2. Graham Walter, Eastern Iowa Community College, Welding Technician & Technology
3. Patrick Kuper, Hawkeye Community College, Industrial Maintenance
4. Quintin McAdams, Indian Hills Community College, CNC, Robotics, Machining
5. Ethan Hauk Dahl, Iowa Central Community College, Transportation & Logistics, Welding Technician & Technology, Diesel Mechanics
6. Jed Knoblock, Iowa Lakes Community College, Plumbing, Heating and Cooling
7. Talon Hala, Iowa Valley Community College, Welding Technician & Technology
8. Johnathon Fredericksen, Iowa Western Community College, Design Technology
9. Jonathan Haugland, Kirkwood Community College, Computer Numerical Control, Machining, Manufacturing Technology
10. Matthew Bruce, North Iowa Area Community College, Tool & Die
11. Nathan Simon, Northeast Iowa Community College, Welding Technician & Technology
12. Marcus Hernandez, Northwest Iowa Community College, Welding Technician & Technology
13. Reece Mayes, Southeastern Community College, Industrial Maintenance
14. Brody Neas, Southwestern Community College, Electrical Technologies
15. Clayton Coleman, Western Iowa Community College, Welding Technician & Technology

For more information about manufacturing careers, visit www.elevateiowa.com.

Elevate Iowa (www.elevateiowa.com) is a statewide, integrated marketing campaign to promote careers and educational pathways in advanced manufacturing. The initiative is directed by a coalition of all 15 Iowa Community College's, the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, the private manufacturing sector and the State of Iowa. Elevate Iowa offers resources to the public and educational institutions to educate the unemployed/underemployed Iowans, U.S. veterans, along with K-12 students and their families about the opportunities in Advanced Manufacturing.

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