

FAME Newsletter – December 2008

Bringing educators and advanced manufacturing together to accelerate regional employment!

Hello FAME members and partners,

Welcome to this edition of FAME's General Newsletter. If you have any questions on the items listed below, please email me for more information (Fame@fingerlakesworks.com). We value your input and involvement-- thank you for participating in FAME!

- ❖ **We are pleased to announce that Leslie Bamann has been hired as the Industry Coordinator through the new FAME WIRED grant!** Leslie will serve as the Cluster Leader for both Advanced Manufacturing and Healthcare. The WIRED grant totals \$325K in funding to roll out the FAME cluster initiative to all nine counties (FL and GLOW regions, plus Monroe County). Leslie brings a unique blend of corporate, educational and municipal expertise to the position. Her experience in strategic planning, economic and community development as well as community collaboration and outreach will make this project successful!
If you would like to meet with Leslie, please contact her at email: lbamann@rochesterworks.org
- ❖ **Update on FAME's US FIRST Lego Sponsorships – from David Banister (Pal Mac Central School)**
“The FLL Regional qualifier at Palmyra-Macedon was a super time. We heard nothing but compliments all day. The one hiccup for teams sponsored by FAME members was that Geneva did not receive their kit until the week before the competition and were unable to get their robot ready. The team did come and observe what went on and they are excited about next year. Team 7477 from Palmyra-Macedon Middle School won the Presentation Award. A fatal mistake was made the following week when they decided to take their robot apart to make it better. They could not get a functioning robot together and withdrew from the Regional at the U of R. A valuable but hard lesson was learned by the students and coaches! The Regional at U of R went extremely well and an exciting time was enjoyed by everyone there. There was an article in the D&C and it did make Ch 13 and FOX news broadcasts.” Thank you to all of the FAME member companies who provided support for this initiative!
- ❖ **FLCC Breaks Ground on Victor Campus Center, proposes new Advanced Technology AS degree!**
- The new center will offer degree, certificate, and transfer programs in the areas of science, technology, architecture and design, business, and liberal arts. This center will also **meet the workforce needs of technology-based companies in the area**, and the problem-based, hands-on curriculum **will allow for internships and field experiences** with these local businesses. In addition, FLCC will be offering a new **Advance Technology Education Program** at the Victor facility when it opens in 2010.
Link to this article: <http://spider.flcc.edu/wordpress/?p=979>
- ❖ **Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Technical and Career Education courses** are open to adults, can be customized, and can be offered on evenings and weekends if there is interest in the region! See the link below for course offerings.
Link to this catalog: http://www.wflboces.org/files/filesystem/wfl-boces_tcc_09-10_catalog.pdf
- ❖ **In the news-- Grants for Manufacturing making headlines!**
 - **Finger Lakes Wired to award more training grants to businesses** - Finger Lakes Wired (www.fingerlakeswired.com) has announced that it has new grant funding available for

businesses in the nine-county Finger Lakes Region (Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, Wyoming, Monroe, Ontario, Wayne, Seneca and Yates counties) to upgrade worker skills.

Link to this article: http://www.fingerlakeswired.com/docs/News/News-WiredOffersNewGrantFunding_11.08.pdf

- **Next FAME general meeting slated for early 2009!** More information to follow.
- **ITT Goulds Pumps in Seneca Falls adding 60 new jobs** - ITT Goulds Pumps will add 60 new jobs to the payroll, thanks in part to a sizable state grant. The company is investing \$10 million to renovate its manufacturing operations, and will retain its more than 750 positions, in addition to adding the new jobs. The expansion is aided by a \$1.5 million grant from the Empire State Development Corp. that will go toward renovations and upgrades to the 850,000 square-foot factory, where products are assembled and tested.
- **HALCO MEPS (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Sprinkler) graduates are available** – Joe Hagen, HALCO’s Director of Training, recently presented at FAME’s Hiring & Training Committee meeting. MEPS (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Sprinkler) partners with MCC to train employees in entry level skills across all MEPS fields. The program is 50% academic and 50% hands on. A few graduates from HALCO’s most recent session are looking for employment. For more information on these individuals, please contact Joe Hagen at HALCO, email: joe@halcoheating.com
- **Update on FAME’s Transportation Subcommittee Survey** - Eight companies have sent in responses (Mizkan Americas, Ultralife, ITT Goulds, Unique Automation, Gorbels, Garlock, Ultimate Recycled Plastics, and Coach & Equipment), and the volume of returned surveys is in the hundreds. The results show that public transportation would be widely accepted, as those who are interested (239) double those who are not (119). A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in the near future to review the results and determine next steps.
- **FAME’s updated website—coming soon to a computer near you!** FAME’s newly upgraded website will be coming online in the Spring of 2009! Watch for email updates and notifications. The new site will feature company profiles, job postings and advanced manufacturing news specific to Western New York.
- **Upcoming FAME events:**
 - **FAME Hiring & Training Meeting** - Speakers are from the National Association of Purchasing Management-Rochester (NAPMR), Leo Fisher, President; Jack Wilson, Director. They will introduce NAPMR (what the association is/its services) and talk with the group to explore partnership opportunities between FAME and NAPMR.
 - **When:** Tue, January 6th, 2009, 8am – 10am
 - **Where:** FLWIB, 41 Lewis Street, Geneva
 - **FAME HR Networking Meeting**
 - **When:** Thurs, January 29th, 2009, 8am – 10am
 - **Where:** Gorbels
- ❖ **Job Fairs to keep in mind!**

- **Career Day at Red Jacket HS**
- **When:** Tue, February 3, 2009, 8am – 11am
- **Contact:** Sherri L. Shoff, email: sshoff@fingerlakesworks.com

Have you been contacted by a school or teacher in your area about speaking to students, available jobs or plant tours? Please pass this information on to FAME! We are tracking manufacturing to school interaction, and would like to include your experiences. Please send a short blurb to Michele Stolberg at email: fame@fingerlakesworks.com

Thank you!

For more information on any of the events or items indicated above, please contact:

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