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**Mineral Area Community College Joins the M-List**

*School offers for-credit program options in manufacturing technology and fluid power*

**Washington, DC, January 26, 2015:** The Manufacturing Institute is pleased to recognize Mineral Area College as the newest member of the M-List.

MAC's Career and Technical Education dean, Gil Kennon, said inclusion on the list is a distinct honor.

"We partner with area industries to make sure we are delivering the technical skills training that meet their demands," Kennon said. "It is important for us to have third-party professional entities like the Manufacturing Institute validate what we are doing. These programs provide our regional workforce the opportunity to earn nationally recognized credentials."

Located in Park Hills, Mo., Mineral Area College is acknowledged for their outstanding manufacturing and fluid power courses. Enrolled students will be eligible to receive certifications from the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and the International Fluid Power Society as well as receive college credit.

The M-List, compiled by The Manufacturing Institute, represents national institutions that have been recognized as "Manufacturers Endorsed." These institutions include community colleges, technical schools, high schools, and four-year colleges and universities that deliver high-quality manufacturing training programs. Specifically, these institutions offer students the opportunity to earn NAM-Endorsed Manufacturing Skills Certifications as a standard part of their manufacturing education programs.

The measure of quality is set by the manufacturing industry, in that schools on the M-List have technical programs that align to industry certifications in areas such as production, welding, and machining.

Companies and schools interested in joining this effort or learning more can visit

<http://www.themanufacturinginstitute.org/Skills-Certification/M-List/M-List.aspx>.

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