

Nominate a Local Manufacturer or School for Recognition

Calumet County is a stronghold of manufacturing and educational excellence, and there's an opportunity to help get the word out about our (sometimes) hidden treasures. The NEW Manufacturing Alliance (NEWMA) has announced it is now taking nominations for the seventh annual Excellence in Mfg./K-12 Partnerships Awards. In 2017, Calumet County had one winner in each category: Brillion Elementary won in the Education Innovation category; and Dan Ariens, Ariens Company, won the Manufacturing Visionary Award.

Self-nominations are acceptable, and entities can be nominated for more than one category. Awards are announced in August and presented at NEWMA's Annual Awards dinner in October. The nomination deadline is June 14. More information and a nomination form is available at this [link](#).

Following is the full list of award recipients.

There are seven categories for K-12 schools/educators & higher education:

- **Career Pathmaker - Tech Ed Teacher** (last year's winner was Andy Belongia, Green Bay West High School and Jeremie Meyer, Ashwaubenon High School)
- **Career Pathmaker - Administrator** (last year's winner was Principal Oran Nehls, Denmark High School)
- **Career Pathmaker - Educator** (last year's winner was Lisa Johnson, Green Bay Area Public Schools)
- **Brighter Image - Education** (last year's winner was Ashwaubenon High School)
- **Education Innovation** (last year's winner was Brillion Elementary School)
- **Manufacturing Partnership** (last year's winner was Oshkosh North High School)
- **Higher Education** (last year's winner was Jake Thonne, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College)

There are six categories for manufacturers:

- **Leadership** (last year's winner was Kohler Co.)
- **Youth Apprenticeship** (last year's winner was KI)
- **Educational Partnership** (last year's winner was Robinson Metal)
- **Brighter Image** (last year's winner was Team Industries)
- **Visionary** (last year's winner was Dan Ariens, Ariens Company)
- **Manufacturing Innovation** (last year's winner was Marine Travelift)

There is an additional award for either an individual from the community or a community organization that has advanced manufacturing career exploration called the **Community Partnership Award**. Last year's winner was INSPIRE Sheboygan County. A full description of each award category can be found on the nomination form: <https://form.jotform.com/81117487784164>

NEWMA is committed to partnering with K-12 and believes that the Awards program is one way that they can showcase the strong partnerships between education and manufacturers. Education winners will receive a \$500 cash award for their school. There will also be an auction to raise funds for college scholarships for graduating high school seniors to attend one of the 2 or 4 year colleges in the region. Over the past 10 years, the Alliance has given over \$230,000 in college scholarships.