



The Adams Wells Manufacturing Alliance Proudly Presents

## "Signing Day"

The Adams Wells Manufacturing Alliance (AWMA) is proud to present the first "signing day". Every spring we see high school athletes signing letters of intent to play for a college as their parents and coaches glow with pride. This signing day is a little different and we will be celebrating students that are choosing to enter the workforce or post-secondary education training landing a job after school. This event is scheduled on May 30th at 6pm. The event will start off by recognizing the graduates and providing light food and refreshments in their honor. The signing will begin at 7pm.

These students being recognized have been working for employers while they were in high school through an ICE program, CTE program, or internship. The signing is their commitment to work for a particular business after high school. This signing is a way of recognizing their hard work and the value they see thru career preparation and training.

AWMA strongly believes in the importance of skilled trades including all skillsets offered in high schools and on the job training. These skills, once perfected will give them a solid base for getting hired after graduating. AWMA vision statement is, "The most effective way to connect manufacturers with educators and to launch manufacturing careers for students and adults in the area". The battle in trying to address the skills gap in our communities has been difficult. The majority of students believe that a 4-year college degree is their only option to becoming successful. AWMA would like to showcase the importance of skilled trades to show students the many different pathways to success, right here in our community. The goal is to prove that some students aren't made for college and *that is okay*. Students can enter the workforce and have benefits, insurance, a steady paycheck and potential for secondary education classes to up their skill while working and having it paid for by their employer.