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Texas FAME Celebrates Fourth Annual AMT Signing Day

SAN ANTONIO (AUG 18, 2021) –The Texas Federation of Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME) Alamo Chapter will be hosting their 4th Annual Signing Day ceremony on Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 9:30 a.m.-10: 30 a.m. The virtual ceremony will also be livestreamed and recorded on Facebook.

Distinguished speakers from Bexar County Commissioners Court and Texas Workforce Commission will join 37 men and women as they embark on their first steps in their manufacturing careers by signing on to work with one of five sponsoring companies: C.H. Guenther & Son, H-E-B, Tower Semiconductor, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Texas Inc. (TMMTX), and Toyotetsu Texas, Inc. (TTTX).

“This will be our biggest AMT class to date and we are really excited about that,” says Leslie Cantu, Assistant Vice President of Administration for Toyotetsu Texas and Texas FAME chapter president, “we are excited that the pandemic has not deterred us from continuing to collaborate to solve skill deficits and invest in the next generation of talent.”

Using the “earn while you learn” model, these students will earn a two-year Associate of Applied Science Degree in Advanced Manufacturing Technology (AMT) through St. Philip’s College Southwest Campus, attending classes two days a week, while spending the remaining three days at a sponsoring company garnering crucial hands-on experience and valuable industry insight. These individuals also earn an apprenticeship certification from the Department of Labor.

“This continues to be an exciting time for our manufacturing community,” says, Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff. “We are seeing more and more opportunities to strengthen our workforce community and it is leading to some tremendous results that are transforming San Antonio into one of the leading manufacturing communities in the country. We are extremely proud that Texas FAME continues to be at the epicenter of it all.”

The Texas FAME Alamo Chapter is a partnership of regional manufacturers in and around the San Antonio area. Since its inception in 2016, Texas FAME has been the catalyst for developing excellent technical talent while primarily focusing on meeting the demands of the advanced manufacturing industry. To date, 73 technicians have graduated from the two-year Texas FAME

AMT program, with 91% of the 73 AMT graduates receiving full-time job offers earning an average hourly wage of \$24.42.

Program participants and company representatives will be available for in-person interviews. For further coordination and pre-scheduling, please contact Pooja Tripathi at 210-542-6137 or ptripathi@bexar.org