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## ManuFest & More 2020 Invites Students, Parents and Educators to Explore Careers with Area Manufacturers and Trades

### Registration Now Open for the Seventh Annual Event

**Norristown, PA (Feb. 18, 2020)** – Students, parents and educators from across Bucks and Montgomery counties will gather at ManuFest and More 2020 on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 to learn about in-demand employment sectors for the next workforce generation in manufacturing and trades.

“Manufacturing and construction trades are growing and vital parts of the Montgomery County economy, creating over 70,000 jobs in our community. Despite offering good pay and benefits, as well as opportunities for career advancement, employers struggle to fill these positions,” said Dr. Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. “Manu-Fest and More 2020” is an opportunity for students and their parents to learn about the well-paying, innovative, and plentiful job opportunities that are available in both manufacturing and the building trades.”

The Montgomery County Commerce Department, Montgomery County Workforce Development Board, Bucks County Workforce Development Board, Manufacturing Alliance of Bucks and Montgomery Counties, in partnership with Associated Builders and Contractors Eastern Pennsylvania (ABC), have teamed up to change that. With great generosity from The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center providing the venue for ManuFest and More for the second year, we are now able to host more exhibitors and attendees.

The event will include demonstrations of products/projects and hand-on activities as well as opportunities to hear from the industry leaders in various manufacturing/trades areas. Keynote speaker John Shegda, M&S Centerless Grinding, Bud Tyler, The EF Precision Group, and Joe Perpiglia, Associated Builders and Contractors, Eastern Pennsylvania, will inspire and add a jolt of energy to power the day.

ManuFest and More 2020 will be held at The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA. Free busing is available for students and parents through participating school districts.

Any manufacturing & trades companies would like to exhibit and be part of this exciting event, please register at [www.manufest.org](http://www.manufest.org). Teachers may also register students by contacting Kathleen Candelore ([kcandelo@montcopa.org](mailto:kcandelo@montcopa.org)).

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