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**Kaukauna High School Honored with National Excellence in Action Award**

**April 9, 2019 – [Kaukauna, WI] –** Today, the Manufacturing program at Kaukauna High School received the prestigious Excellence in Action award, which recognizes the best Career Technical Education (CTE) programs of study across the nation. The Manufacturing program was one of eight programs selected as an [Excellence in Action](https://www.careertech.org/excellence-action-award) award winner based on its track record of providing clear pathways into college and careers, rigorous academic and technical coursework, strong partnerships with education and industry leaders, and meaningful work-based learning experiences that offer opportunities for career exploration and subject-matter mastery.

Kaukauna High School received the award in the Manufacturing Career Cluster® from Advance CTE as a result of their commitment to preparing learners in a high-demand sector through real-world, hands-on experiences with the Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship program and the Local 400 Steamfitters and Plumbers Union Youth Apprenticeship program. Learners can also earn college credits from postsecondary partners, Fox Valley Technical College and the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. Last year, all learners graduated high school, participated in work-based learning and earned postsecondary credit. Representatives accepted the honor at an award ceremony as part of the Advance CTE Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C.

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“The programs of study that we are honoring today all share a steadfast commitment to the highest expectations for CTE," said Kimberly Green, Executive Director of Advance CTE. "This dedication to quality and equity ensures each learner has access to opportunities that prepare them for future success in their education and career of their choice. Today's honorees serve as national models of what high-quality CTE looks like and can achieve."

Printable profiles of each winner are available on Advance CTE’s [website](https://careertech.org/excellence-action-2019).