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PPG's Oak Creek Paint and Coatings Plant to Host Students on National Manufacturing Day

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Plant announces \$10,000 grant from the PPG Foundation to Discovery World

OAK CREEK, Wis.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PPG (NYSE: PPG) today announced it will hold an educational event for local high school students at its Oak Creek plant on Oct. 6 to mark National Manufacturing Day. This initiative is organized by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) to address the skilled labor shortage, connect with future generations of manufacturers and ensure ongoing success of the manufacturing industry.

Students from Oak Creek High School will be offered a tour of the PPG facility and neighboring Yaskawa America and AIM Transfer & Storage to learn about the manufacturing industry and how it impacts the world through products or services. State Representative Jessie Rodriguez (21st District) and Oak Creek Mayor Dan Bukiewicz will also attend the event. PPG's Oak Creek facility employs about 550 people and manufactures an array of paint and coatings used in the industrial, automotive and packaging sectors.

"We held a similar event last year that was well attended, and we expect as many as 75 students this year," said Jack Marshall, PPG plant manager, Oak Creek. "Through this event, students will gain a deeper understanding of manufacturing, supply chain, transportation and logistics as well as the many career opportunities available to them. There is significant growth taking place in southeastern Wisconsin within manufacturing, and this is creating abundant opportunities for a range of students, from those entering the trades to those going to college for chemistry or engineering. Whatever the career interest, there is a sustainable future here thanks to manufacturing."

The plant also announced a \$10,000 grant from the PPG Foundation to Discovery World Science + Technology Center. Discovery World's mission is to provide fun and educational experiences through interactive exhibits and educational programs for families and students in Milwaukee, the region and the state of Wisconsin. The organization generates excitement for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education and careers in the minds of children, even before they head to high school and beyond.

PPG and the PPG Foundation place an emphasis on supporting STEM programs, which is brought to life by various efforts through PPG facilities locally and around the world. The Oak Creek plant provides scholarships, offers internships and works to inspire the next generation of workers to pursue academic careers in STEM fields. So far this year, the plant has provided more than \$320,000 in classroom grants for school STEM projects through the PPG Foundation.

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