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PPG's Balliet Earns STEP Ahead Award From Manufacturing Institute

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PITTSBURGH--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PPG (NYSE: PPG) today announced that Courtney Balliet, PPG manager, strategy, science and technology (S&T), has earned the STEP Ahead Award, presented by the Manufacturing Institute. The recognition acknowledges Balliet's exceptional leadership and significant contributions to the manufacturing industry.

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Courtney Balliet, PPG manager, strategy, science and technology (S&T), has earned the STEP Ahead Award, presented by the Manufacturing Institute. (Photo: Business Wire)

Beginning in 2012, Balliet conducted industrial coatings research at PPG's Global Coatings Innovation Center, where she developed a variety of technologies including coil, display and conductive coatings. Balliet has also been a driving force behind PPG's patent-pending anti-fingerprint (AFP) coating, a cutting-edge technology that significantly reduces the appearance of fingerprints on electronic displays and other touch screens for consumer electronics and electric vehicles.

"This recognition is exceptionally meaningful to me, as it allows the Manufacturing Institute to share women's untold industry stories on a grand stage," said Courtney Balliet, PPG manager, strategy, science and technology. "Women can often be an untapped talent resource in STEM industries, and by sharing even one woman's accomplishments, we can inspire the next generation to pursue a career path never imagined, changing the world for the better."

The Manufacturing Institute, which is the education and workforce partner of the National Association of Manufacturers, created the STEP Ahead Awards to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding female leadership in manufacturing. The institute vets and scores candidates in two key areas: their contributions to their company and how they have mentored and volunteered in their community.

"PPG is immensely proud of the trailblazing contributions that Courtney has made to PPG and the manufacturing industry at large," said David Bem, PPG chief technology officer and vice president, S&T. "At PPG, Courtney has played a pivotal role in creating innovative technology platforms for our global customers that span across multiple markets, which will carry a lasting impact on the industry. Her leadership style consistently motivates her teammates in the lab, and her efforts outside the lab inspire the next generation of manufacturing leaders. Courtney is a strong community ally to women of all ages and backgrounds, boosting their confidence as they set out to make their own mark in scientific industries – as Courtney has done and continues to do."

At PPG, Balliet actively mentors Ph.D. scientists and undergraduate interns, and she assists in campus recruiting efforts at Carnegie Mellon University, which is her alma mater. She also has served as a volunteer for the Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair for several years, sharing her expertise with budding scientists from grades 6-12 to strengthen their interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers.

About the National Association of Manufacturers

The National Association of Manufacturers is the largest manufacturing association in the United States, representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states. Manufacturing employs more than 12.8 million men and women, contributes \$2.37 trillion to the U.S. economy annually and has the largest economic multiplier of any major sector and accounts for 63% of private-sector research and development. The NAM is the powerful voice of the manufacturing community and the leading advocate for a policy agenda that helps manufacturers compete in the global economy and create jobs across the United States. For more information about the Manufacturers or to follow us on Twitter and Facebook, please visit www.nam.org.

About the Manufacturing Institute

The Manufacturing Institute (the Institute) is the 501(c)(3) affiliate of the National Association of Manufacturers. As a nonpartisan organization, the Institute is committed to delivering leading-edge information and services to the nation's manufacturers. The Institute is the authority on the attraction, qualification and development of world-class manufacturing talent. For more information, please visit www.themanufacturinginstitute.org.

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