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PPG's Oak Creek, Wisconsin, Plant Announces \$5,000 Grant, Hosts Students for National Manufacturing Day

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OAK CREEK, Wis.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PPG (NYSE: PPG) announced that its Oak Creek plant will host about 16 students from Oak Creek, Racine Case and Racine Park high schools today for a hands-on educational event.

The event is being held to mark National Manufacturing Day, organized by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), which aims to address labor opportunities, connect with future generations of manufacturers and ensure success of the manufacturing industry.

"We've participated in this event for the past few years and it is really exciting to see how enthused students are to see first-hand what manufacturing is all about," said John Kovaleski, PPG plant manager, Oak Creek. "Students 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."

Students will meet PPG employees and tour the PPG Oak Creek facility to learn about the manufacturing industry and how it impacts the world through products or services. They will also participate in hands-on STEM activities as part of the day. During lunch, State Representative Jessie Rodriguez (21st District) and Oak Creek Mayor Dan Bukiewicz will participate in discussions with the students focused on manufacturing in Wisconsin and career opportunities in the field.

The PPG Foundation also announced a \$5,000 grant on behalf of the Oak Creek facility to Racine Unified School District. The funds will support a project in partnership with Beepods, which will educate students and parents on the importance of pollination, saving bees, sustainable beekeeping and how to create positive change in the local ecosystem that benefits the entire community. The project will further engage students in the science, technology, engineering and math fields.

PPG's Oak Creek facility has nearly 600 employees and manufactures paint and coatings used in the industrial, automotive and packaging segments.

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