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## **ACEDC and Project Rise co-host Manufacturing Day program for Athens County students**

*Program includes company visits, manufacturing panel and Q&A*

**September 30, 2019 - Athens, OH** – The Athens County Economic Development Council (ACEDC) and Project Rise: Athens Meigs ESC are offering high school students from all Athens County districts an opportunity to partake in National Manufacturing Day on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Participating schools will tour several of the county’s manufacturing companies including Athens Mold & Machine, RXQ Compounding, Quidel, Stirling Ultracold, Rocky Brands and TS Tech.

Following the tours, students will meet at the Tri County Career Center for a panel about the state of manufacturing, where it is going and how students can start their careers. Panelists include representatives from organizations who are working in or with the southeast Ohio manufacturing sector. Students will also have the opportunity to ask panelists questions about career trajectories.

Held annually on the first Friday in October, Manufacturing Day helps show the reality of modern manufacturing careers by encouraging thousands of companies and educational institutions around the nation to open their doors to students, parents, teachers and community leaders.

Neill Lane, President and CEO of Global Cooling Inc., expressed delight in participating in Athens County’s 1st Annual Manufacturing Day. “As manufacturer of Stirling Ultracold ultra-low temperature freezers, our manufacturing team is key to our global success. That is why we view this as a great opportunity to show high school students the potential career paths we have here in Southeastern Ohio.”

The ACEDC and Project Rise are grateful for AT&T’s support and sponsorship of this inaugural Manufacturing Day event.

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