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Dear NTMA Apprentice,

We are happy to announce the MSC/Pittsburgh Chapter NTMA Apprenticeship Competition spotlighting the best of the best in our region! The competition this year will be held all day on <u>Friday</u>, <u>February 17</u>, <u>2023 at Westmoreland's Advanced Technology Center</u>. The Center is located at 1001 #1009 Technology Drive, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666.

Participation is open to ALL apprentices of the Pittsburgh Chapter NTMA Apprenticeship Program and any apprentice employed at a NTMA Member Company. Year 1 & Year 2 apprentices must have earned at least 5 NIMS credentials to qualify. No more than 2 apprentices per company may compete.

The winner of the MSC/Pittsburgh Chapter NTMA Apprenticeship Competition will receive a Gerstner Tool Box!!

All competitors will be invited to the Graduation Banquet in June where the winner will be announced

The competition tests hands-on performance in setting up and operating machine tools, including a *manual* milled part and a *manual* turned part produced to specifications. A third component is a written examination to assess content knowledge. A point system based on knowledge, skill and efficiency will determine the winner.

Please complete the enclosed Competition Registration Form. Deadline for registration is Friday, December 23, 2022. <u>Competition slots are limited so get your registration forms in ASAPI</u> First preference for slots will be given to Year 4 students.

Registration fee is \$150 and should be sent in with your registration form. Checks should be made payable to: Pittsburgh Chapter NTMA. Both payment and registration should be sent to: Pittsburgh Chapter NTMA, ATTN: Liz Blashock, 305 E. Carson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 or blashock@pghntmf.org

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at (412) 212.6868 or blasheck@pghntmf.org

This is a great opportunity to see how your skills stack up against other competitors. We look forward to receiving your entry!

Sincerely,

Liz Blashock NTMA Program Coordinator

cc: Company Contact