

## Sutton Massachusetts Middle Schoolers Win \$5,000 for AMP it up! Video Challenge

Videos on Thermoforming Process from Mayfield Plastics Are Award Winners

SUTTON, MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES, June 30, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Almost 40 middle school children from the Sutton Middle School visited custom thermoformer Mayfield Plastics last winter to participate in the AMP it up! Video challenge and their efforts paid off with two winning videos and \$5,000 in prize money for the school. The AMP it up! Challenge invites students to research the inner workings of an advanced manufacturing innovation and how it impacts the world around them. The Sutton Middle School won two awards for their videos for \$2500 each. The videos were "A Guide to Thermoforming" and "An Amp it up! Special: Mayfield Plastics". There will be a total of eleven winners and \$30,000 in prize money provided by the Manufacturing Futures Fund.

Students across the state visited manufacturers such as Bose, Mayfield Plastics, and Valentine Tool Company to learn how advanced manufacturing plays an important role in our daily lives. They learned about the process, the products and the people behind it all. Nearly 2,000 people voted in the contest.

Mayfield Plastics, which is owned by Jay Kumar, who also owns Universal Plastics, a custom thermoformer based in Holyoke MA, is a strong advocate of workforce development and embraced this opportunity to give students an inside view of advanced manufacturing processes. Says Paul Davidson, Sales Manager at Mayfield Plastics, "We have a strong legacy in local manufacturing and a commitment to engaging the younger generation in what we do – someday we hope that they will be part of our workforce." "We are delighted to participate in & support this initiative and enjoy working with the local schools in educating young people about the wealth of opportunities in manufacturing right in their backyard", said Paul Davidson.

## **About Mayfield Plastics:**

Mayfield (<a href="www.mayfieldplastics.com">www.mayfieldplastics.com</a>) is a leading manufacturer of custom pressure, vacuum formed and thermoformed parts and components specializing in thermoformed medical devices and components, but also serving a variety of additional industries including aerospace, telecom, electronics, computer, hospital, chromatography, machine-tool and transportation. In 2013, Mayfield Plastics was purchased by Jay Kumar, who also owns Universal Plastics, a custom thermoformer based in Holyoke MA with the intent of growing the thermoforming business locally through the combined strength and synergies of both companies. Together, Mayfield & Universal Plastics represent the largest thermoformer in New England and are proud to offer a manufacturing service which is state of the art. Equally, as a family-run business, Mayfield Plastics takes special pride in upholding a strong commitment to its customers and employees. For more information about Mayfield Plastics, please visit <a href="www.mayfieldplastics.com">www.mayfieldplastics.com</a>.

About Amp it up!:

AMP it up! was created to help students (middle through high school) and adults (parents, guidance counselors, and other influencers) take advantage of the many great, highly skilled, well-paying manufacturing jobs available in Massachusetts. Through AMP it up!, students who like to build things and solve problems can plan for a lucrative career with a choice of jobs, often without a four-year

college degree. They provide schools with resources, and guidance students need for jobs in high-tech processing, factory automation, product development, nanotechnology, direct digital fabrication, micromanufacturing, and other exciting fields. Amp it up! is part of MassDevelopment. For more information visit ampitupma.com

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