

Influential Women Spotlights Sarah Cashman: Toolmaker and Educator Inspiring Future Tradespeople

LOUISVILLE, KY, UNITED STATES, October 28, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Bridging Classroom and Industry, Sarah Cashman Shapes the Future of Machining Education in Louisville, Kentucky

Influential Women proudly recognizes Sarah Cashman in its prestigious 2025 series, celebrating her as a dedicated Journeyman Toolmaker and educator who continues to redefine excellence in skilled trades education. Currently teaching Machine Tool Technology at Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville, Kentucky, Sarah blends nearly a decade of hands-on industry experience with a deep commitment to mentorship, workforce development, and student success.



Sarah's career began on manual machines, where she built a foundation of craftsmanship and precision that continues to shape her teaching philosophy today. Her journey through the Kentuckiana Machining Association and the Kentucky Registered Apprenticeship Program—a rigorous four-year process—earned her a Journeyman Certificate. After becoming an educator, she also earned an Associate Degree from Jefferson Community and Technical College.

Throughout her career, Sarah has worked on a diverse range of tooling, including progressive, transfer, and custom restrike dies. Her expertise spans die repair and manual machining through the use of various machine tools such as vertical mills, lathes, and grinders. Yet, what truly sets her apart is not only her mastery of the craft but her passion for sharing that knowledge with others through the same high school program she graduated from.

As an instructor, Sarah is deeply invested in preparing the next generation of skilled

tradespeople. In her dual-credit program, she empowers students to gain both high school and college-level experience, giving them a head start in the workforce. Her classroom is a dynamic space where theory meets practice—where students learn not only how to operate machines but also how to think critically, troubleshoot, and take pride in their craftsmanship.

Sarah's approach to teaching is rooted in empathy, perseverance, and real-world connection. "Teaching in the same field that shaped my journey has been incredibly rewarding—supporting my students and helping them succeed is something I take great pride in," says Sarah. "Today, I teach a stamping class for the same apprenticeship program that I took, and it's an honor to give back by preparing the next generation of skilled tradespeople."

One of Sarah's guiding principles is meeting students where they are. She understands that true education goes beyond instruction—it's about inspiration. "It's about more than just teaching; it's about meeting students where they are, helping them grow, and preparing them to confidently move forward in their careers," she explains. "When that happens, it's incredibly rewarding—for both the students and for me as an educator."

Outside the classroom, Sarah's dedication to compassion and community is equally strong. As a proud mother of two young children, she finds balance and motivation through family life. Each year, she participates in the Angel Tree program, helping make the holidays brighter for families in need. Whether mentoring her students or giving back to her community, Sarah leads with empathy, humility, and heart.

For Sarah Cashman, teaching is more than a profession—it's a calling. Through her unwavering dedication to craftsmanship, education, and community, she is not only shaping future toolmakers but building a stronger, more skilled workforce for generations to come.

Learn More about Sarah Cashman:

Through her Influential Women profile, <https://influentialwomen.com/connect/sarah-cashman>

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