Triton College celebrates MFG Day™, receives proclamation from Gov. Rauner’s Office

River Grove, Ill. – Triton College recognized and celebrated the nationwide initiative MFG Day™, or Manufacturing Day, on Oct. 2 by showcasing one of the college’s newest programs, Mechatronics, to high school students from Proviso West and Ridgewood.

Students were exposed to the growing engineering field that deals with robotics through hands-on activities and presentations led by Triton’s Engineering Technology faculty and students.

Engineering Tech coordinator Antigone Sharris said, “Our goal today is to give the students hands-on exposure to what STEM really means and introduce them to the wonderful career opportunities available in the field, like working in the fluid power industry.”

“This is a great opportunity to expose our students to something like this within a college environment,” said Proviso West teacher Eduardo Rodriguez. He teaches mathematics and engineering and would like to begin a robotics team at the school. Rodriguez is a graduate of Triton’s Engineering Tech program.

“I feel students learn best by doing, and here they’re learning to problem solve as a team,” he said.

Triton’s MFG Day™ event was greeted by Gov. Rauner’s Office which presented Triton College with a proclamation declaring October 2015 as Illinois Manufacturing Month.

“Manufacturing is responsible for a lot of our state’s economic power and growth. We manufacture everything from aerospace parts, heavy machinery to plastics and biofuel and we want to grow the manufacturing industry and jobs in Illinois,” said Robert L. Anderson, Jr., northeast regional manager of
the office of Regional Economic Development for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

“This Manufacturing Month, we encourage members of our community, schools, community colleges to join in celebrating the contributions manufacturers make to our state’s communities and economy. On behalf of Gov. Rauner and the State of Illinois, thank you for your many contributions to our state.”

**Snowbotics workshop for youth held on Dec. 5**

Youth are invited to partake in Triton College’s seasonal workshop Snowbotics on Dec. 5. The workshop, which is in collaboration with the Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy’s robotics team based in Forest Park, provides youth with the opportunity to learn about robotics through hands-on activities. The event will run from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in the Industrial Careers Building, T Building, Room T-164. The cost is $30 per child. To reserve a spot or for more information, contact Antigone Sharris at (773) 580-8807, or email antigonesharris@triton.edu.

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