

## **AMBA Announces 2018 Mold Builder and Tooling Trailblazer of the Year Award Recipients**

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Indianapolis, IN - The American Mold Builders Association (AMBA), Indianapolis, IN, proudly presented Mark Slack, Roush Global Tooling, Farmington, MI, with the 2018 Mold Builder of the Year Award and MSI Mold Builders, Cedar Rapids, IA, with the Tooling Trailblazer of the Year Award during the AMBA Conference 2018, February 14-16, Grand Rapids, MI. The awards, sponsored by Progressive Components, include a \$5,000 endowment to each for continuing education in moldmaking, to be presented to the educational institution of the recipient's choice.

During the awards ceremony, Mark Slack was recognized as a true visionary and leader. Early on at Roush, he was instrumental in taking the business directly to the OEM level and was able to leverage the company's core mold building business into a direct OEM market offering and further expanded its reach into a global player. Passionate about mold building, Slack continually works to secure the next generation of tool builders within his community. He sat on the advisory committee for the Skilled Trades Program at Schoolcraft Community College, was influential in starting the S.E. Michigan Chapter of the AMBA and continually advocates for community involvement through association participation in AMBA, OESA and NTMA.

MSI Mold Builders was awarded the AMBA Tooling Trailblazer of the Year Award, established to recognize AMBA member accomplishments that have resulted in a notable impact in the area of education. MSI Mold Builders was recognized for its recruitment efforts and work with local community colleges and high schools. From job shadowing, plant tours and scholarships to participation on advanced manufacturing advisory boards and foundations, MSI works throughout the year to increase visibility of the mold manufacturing industry to hundreds of students, parents and teachers in the greater Cedar Rapids area.

For more details on the AMBA Mold Builder of the Year and Tooling Trailblazer of the Year Awards, visit [www.amba.org](http://www.amba.org).

### **About the AMBA**

The American Mold Builders Association (AMBA) is a premier association for US mold manufacturers, providing workforce development resources, benchmarking metrics, cost-saving programs, peer exchange forums, plant tour workshops, conferences and more. AMBA member companies serve original equipment manufacturers in every industry including automotive, medical, electronics/electrical, toys, recreation and sporting goods, building and construction, lawn and garden, consumer, and industrial. AMBA also has members that provide services and/or materials directly related to the mold building industry. For more information, visit [www.amba.org](http://www.amba.org).