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AMBA Announces New Tooling Trailblazer of the Year Award

Building a Sustainable Future for the Mold Building Industry

Indianapolis, Indiana. American Mold Builders Association (AMBA), in sponsorship by Progressive Components, Wauconda, Illinois, is proud to announce the new **AMBA Tooling Trailblazer of the Year Award**. The new award was established to recognize AMBA member accomplishments that have resulted in a notable impact in the area of education.

The AMBA Trailblazer of the Year Award is designed to present an AMBA member company with a \$5000 scholarship annually to be utilized in support of the educational institution or program of its choice. According to Progressive Components President Glenn Starkey, "We wanted to sponsor an award that would support AMBA member companies in their educational outreach initiatives who are making significant strides in education and/or recruitment. Progressive Components is proud to sponsor such an important award that provides support to the future sustainability of the mold manufacturing industry!"

In addition to AMBA's national Scholarship awards to students in industry-related fields of study, AMBA will increase its financial support in the area of educational outreach in a number of areas in 2017. From \$5,000 scholarship grants to AMBA chapters to increased scholarships to AMBA Manufacturing Day Competition winners, the goal is to help AMBA members fill the skills gap and increase industry awareness through education.

To submit a nomination for the AMBA Tooling Trailblazer of the Year Award (either for a single company or a collaborative effort with others), download a form at www.amba.org/awards. **Nominations also are being accepted for the AMBA Mold Builder of the Year Award.** Both winners will be announced at the AMBA 2017 Annual Conference, May 10-12, in Cleveland, Ohio, and promoted throughout the industry in *The American Mold Builder* magazine, the AMBA website and in industry publications.

Deadline to submit a nomination is March 31, 2017.

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The American Mold Builders Association (AMBA) is a premier association for US mold manufacturers, providing benchmarking metrics, cost-saving programs, educational resources, 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.