



## **THE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE FOR U.S. MOLD BUILDERS.**

### **AMBA Honors Member Champions with Educational Outreach Award**

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Indianapolis, IN – On October 5, 2018, the American Mold Builders Association (AMBA) honored three member champions with the AMBA 2018 Educational Outreach Awards. Coinciding with Manufacturing Day, these awards recognize those AMBA members who have made a significant impact in the promotion of a career in mold building.

Awards this year were distributed to three winners, including:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner – Charles Daniels, Wepco Plastics (Middlefield, CT), for his involvement in the CT Invention Convention, which allows students grades 1-8 to identify a problem and design a solution and for the development and growth of an Innovation Advisory Council to engage regional high schools in careers in manufacturing.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner – Lou Romano, ROMOLD, Inc. (Rochester, NY) for his implementation of a Master Manufacturing Scholarship for high school students pursuing a career in precision machining and for his work with Monroe Community College on the Applied Technology Center Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship Program.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner – Tim Myers, Century Die Co. (Fremont, OH) for his work with Vanguard-Sentinel Career and technologies Center on a program called AIM – a student-run business that engages ‘platinum level’ students in a meaningful education in manufacturing-related careers.

Through strategic partnerships with schools, programs and/or students, these awardees have all made significant efforts to increase interest, raise awareness and build skills within the mold building industry. Other applicants impacting their communities included Kristen Mazur at Commercial Tool & Die (Comstock Park, MI), Justin McPhee at Mold Craft, Inc. (Willernie, MN), Rick Finnie at M.R. Mold & Engineering (Brea, CA), and Mitch Weerstra at Baumann Tool & Die (Zeeland, MI).

Scholarships will be awarded in the amounts of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 respectively, which will go to the recipient’s educational institution or program of choice. The AMBA congratulates the 2018 Educational Outreach Champion Award winners and extends a special thanks to all who participated in this year’s award program.

#### **About the AMBA**

The American Mold Builders Association (AMBA) is the only organization dedicated to elevating the competitive advantage of U.S. mold builders. AMBA provides workforce development initiatives, networking, benchmarking opportunities and industry promotion. AMBA members receive a variety of

additional benefits, including access to cost-reduction programs, visibility to mold buyers and problem-solving resources that give members a competitive advantage. To learn more about AMBA membership and ongoing initiatives, visit [amba.org](http://amba.org).

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