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Media Alert

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9:30 a.m. at TBAISD Career-Tech Center

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Meet MTA staff and see student exhibits

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TBAISD Manufacturing Technology Academy Garners National Accolades

Career-Tech Center to Receive National Award for STEM Careers

Traverse City, MI---- The Manufacturing Technology Academy, a high rigor Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program offered by the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District (TBAISD) Career-Tech Center, has received national accolades as the recipient of the **2016 Excellence in Action Award** from Advance CTE: State Leaders Connecting Learning to Work (formerly known as the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTE^c).

Advance CTE annual Excellence in Action award recognizes and honors innovative and impactful Career Technical Education (CTE) programs of study across the nation. TBAISD was one of eleven programs selected as an “Excellence in Action” award winner, based on its uniquely innovative and effective approach to offering rigorous coursework, authentic and meaningful work-based learning experiences, and supported transitions from secondary to postsecondary education and on to successful careers.

TBAISD is the only program to receive the award in the Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Career Cluster from Advance CTE as a result of their exemplary partnerships with education and employers, seamless transition from secondary to postsecondary education including dual enrollment offerings, and a robust internship program, providing students with the skills they need for success. TBAISD representatives accepted the honor at an award luncheon and reception as part of the Advance CTE Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. on May 24, 2016.

“The national recognition of the TBAISD Manufacturing Technology Academy is not only a wonderful acknowledgement of the dedication of students, staff, advisors and business partners, it is also an indication that together we are moving closer to our vision of developing the best educational system in the world right here in Northern Michigan’s Grand Traverse Region,” said Mike Hill, TBAISD Superintendent.

“We are so proud to recognize these amazing programs and the leaders who helped achieve such accomplishments,” said Kimberly Green, Executive Director, Advance CTE. “These Excellence in Action award winners have high expectations that result in their students truly being prepared for success in college, careers and life. By shining a national spotlight on these programs, we hope to challenge others to use them as a model for what high-quality CTE looks like and can achieve.”

In 2015 the Manufacturing Technology Academy was selected by the Michigan Department of Education Office of Career and Technical Education for the Michigan Excellence in Practice Award award



exemplifying the highest standards in preparing high school students for career and college readiness. TBAISD Career-Tech Center has earned **four** Excellence in Practice Awards for the TBAISD Career-Tech Center in six years. This regional education center was previously honored in 2011 for Instructional Leadership, providing quality academic integration and authentic delivery of Michigan Merit Curriculum in its career and technical programs; in 2013 the Teacher Academy was recognized for rigorous academic and work-based learning opportunities in the field of teaching; and in 2015 the TBA Early College was selected for success in expanding student opportunities regionally by extending the boundaries of learning across secondary, career/technical, and post-secondary education with proven success in student career and college preparedness.

To learn more about the Traverse Bay Area ISD Career-Tech Center call 231-922-6273 or go to www.tbaisd.org

Printable profiles of each national Excellence in Action award winner, detailing their unique strengths and justification for their selection are available on Advance CTE's [website](#). For further updates from the Advance CTE Spring Meeting, including a recap of the award ceremony, visit the [CTE: Learning that Works Blog](#).

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The TBAISD Career-Tech Center offers a choice of 22 tuition-free career and technical education programs to eleventh and twelfth grade students in the five-county Grand Traverse region. Additional information is available at www.tbactc.org. TBAISD is Leading Lifetime Learning to be the BEST educational system in the world.