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## **Governor Scott Walker Highlights Manufacturing Month, Participates in Heavy Metal Bus Tour**

**Wisconsin Rapids** – Governor Scott Walker today participated in the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Heavy Metal Bus Tour at Mid-State Technical College (MSTC). The Heavy Metal Bus Tour takes local 8<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> grade students on tours of successful manufacturers, providing students with the opportunity to explore and learn more about the compelling jobs the industry can offer. Other tour stops include Domtar Paper Company, Corenso North America, Mariani Packing Company, and ECC Corrosion.

“The manufacturing sector contributed \$49.9 billion to Wisconsin’s gross state product in 2012,” Governor Walker said. “Manufacturing is the backbone of Wisconsin’s economy, and the Heavy Metal Bus Tour provides students with resources to begin thinking about a career in this industry, which employed 16.8 percent of Wisconsin’s total workforce last year. It’s extremely valuable for these students to be able to visit MSTC and speak with leaders and have their questions answered about the industry.”

Governor Walker’s participation in the Heavy Metal Bus Tour was in conjunction with his proclamation of October as [Manufacturing Month](#). Manufacturing Month acknowledges the contributions of manufacturers to Wisconsin’s economy and highlights manufacturing as a crucial and vibrant industry. The Heavy Metal Bus Tour event at MSTC allowed Governor Walker to speak with students about the importance of manufacturing to Wisconsin and its economy and to inform students on the diverse skills needed to fill positions within the manufacturing industry.

About Mid-State Technical College (MSTC):

Mid-State Technical College (MSTC) offers more than 100 associate degrees, technical diplomas, and certificates that reflect the changing of workforce needs. In order to determine what community and area businesses require for their workforce, MSTC consistently survey employers in order to better plan their academic courses so that students fit industry and employer needs. MSTC also works closely with Incentive Community Foundation and Workforce Central Initiative in order to connect potential employees with the training necessary to serve local business sectors. MSTC offers campus locations in Adams County, Marshfield, Stevens Point, and Wisconsin Rapids.

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