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Sargento celebrates Manufacturing Month by spotlighting future careers, thanking employees

Company to receive 2020 Leadership Award from the Northeast Wisconsin Manufacturing

Alliance

PLYMOUTH, Wis. – October 2, 2020 – In a year that has been like no other in recent history, Sargento Foods is proud to welcome October to celebrate the Manufacturing Month and salute Sargento operations employees for all they do. The company is also proud to have been awarded the 2020 Leadership Award as part of the Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) Manufacturing Alliance's ninth annual Excellence in Manufacturing Awards. This award was given for excellence in working with schools to help students understand the valuable careers available in manufacturing.

"Despite everything the industry faced in 2020, there will still be significant opportunities for employment in Wisconsin's manufacturing community, underscoring the need to ensure a robust talent pipeline now and in the years to come," said Anne Troka, Manager – Community Engagement for Sargento Foods. "We're proud that the NEW Manufacturing Alliance recognized our efforts to increase awareness for students in Wisconsin to the high-tech, high-skill, high-pay manufacturing jobs that can now be found throughout the state."

New this year, on National Manufacturing Day — officially October 2nd — Sargento will hold a digital career experience for students. The career experience, held virtually, will showcase careers in maintenance, mechatronics, production, engineering and information technology. Sargento will also spend Manufacturing Month saying 'Thank You' to the hundreds of men and women on the operations team who are the heartbeat of Sargento.

"Since the beginning of the pandemic, our teams in production, shipping & receiving, supply chain and transportation have gone above and beyond to help us maintain our vital role in the nation's food supply," said Mike McEvoy, Executive Vice President – Operations for Sargento Foods. "We sincerely thank each one of them for working safely and maintaining the quality and integrity of our products for our consumers."

To learn more about manufacturing careers at Sargento, please visit careers.sargento.com.

About Northeast Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance:

The NEW Manufacturing Alliance has over 300 members, mostly manufacturers working with educators, workforce development, chambers of commerce, and state organizations to promote manufacturing in our northeast Wisconsin. The vision of the Alliance is that every northeast Wisconsin manufacturer will find the talent it needs. For more information about the NEW Manufacturing Alliance, go to www.newmfgalliance.org.

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With over 2,000 employees and net sales of more than \$1.3 billion, Sargento Foods is a family-owned company that has been a leader in cheese for 66 years. Founded in 1953 in Plymouth, Wisconsin, Sargento created the world's first successful pre-packaged sliced and shredded natural cheeses. Today, Sargento Foods is still based in Wisconsin, where they manufacture and market amazing shredded, sliced and snack natural cheese products, as well as ingredients and sauces. Company leadership lives to serve local communities and employees, whom they refer to as the Sargento Family. www.sargento.com To follow along on social visit Sargento on LinkedIn @SargentoFoodsInc, Instagram @SargentoFamily, Facebook @SargentoCheese, and Twitter WSargentoCheese.

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