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**HI-TEC 2019 Industry Recognition Award Presented to Scot McLemore**

WACO, Texas (May 24, 2019) – The HI-TEC Industry Recognition Award will be presented July 24, 2019, at the High Impact Technology Exchange Conference (HI-TEC) in St. Louis, Missouri. This year's recipient is Scot McLemore of Honda North America, Inc., Marysville, Ohio.

HI-TEC ([www.highimpact-tec.org](http://www.highimpact-tec.org)) is produced by the National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education (NSF ATE) community.

The HI-TEC Industry Recognition Award recognizes key industry personnel for outstanding contributions to the promotion of technology education. Nominees for these awards must have had a demonstrated impact on technology education on both the local and national levels.

Scot McLemore has been a tireless advocate of developing early-college pathways and experiential learning programs to promote advanced manufacturing education throughout Ohio. McLemore is setting the standard for collaboration between community colleges and K–12 districts in meeting the need for industrial maintenance technicians.

McLemore was instrumental in the development of Columbus State Community College's Modern Manufacturing Work Study program. This five-semester program culminates in an AAS in electro-mechanical engineering technology and includes a year-long paid co-op during students' second year of coursework. Honda's support, partnership, and forward-looking approach have led to the placement of more than 100 students at over thirty Central Ohio employers. Students graduate from the program with full-time job offers from industry partners and little to no debt.

McLemore has also ensured the development of a strong manufacturing technician career pathway through the creation of career exploration programs for middle schools, the development of career and technical education (CTE) programs at high schools and career centers, the adoption of the Modern Manufacturing Work Study programs across the state, and tuition reimbursement for bachelor's degree attainment.

McLemore's unwavering passion for advanced technician education can be seen in his participation in efforts such as Project Lead the Way, the STEM Industry Council, Men of Color in STEM, and the EPIC Initiative. Along with CSCC's President David Harrison, McLemore testified before the Joint Economics Committee of the US House of Representatives on innovative strategies for addressing workforce development.

This award represents HI-TEC's commitment to supporting and recognizing industry personnel who make significant contributions to the education and training of today's technology workforce.

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