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Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology Named an Inaugural Stanley Black & Decker Makers Grant Recipient

CCAT to assemble a group of influencers to inspire the future workforce and increase the manufacturing talent pipeline

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Stanley Black and Decker (NYSE: SWK) announced on March 28 the recipients of its first “Empower Makers” Global Impact Challenge. The Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT), a nonprofit committed to advancing the global competitiveness of the region’s manufacturing supply chain, is honored to have been named as a Makers Grant Recipient for their efforts to build a diverse group of influencers from manufacturers throughout the state to carry a message to the next generation to bolster recruitment into the manufacturing talent pipeline.



Initiated in 2021, the Global Impact Challenge grant program will award up to \$25 million in grant funding over the next five years to nonprofits that are supporting trade workforce development initiatives in the construction and manufacturing sectors. With the first applications submitted in October 2021, 240 entrants were evaluated based on number of people served, outcomes projected, sustainable impact, depth of programs, and diversity, among many other considerations. CCAT was selected as one of 86 organizations that will help empower, skill and reskill roughly 180,000 makers in 2022.

“It is our intention to identify *Maker Multipliers* from our neighborhoods who will spread the word about manufacturing careers and help multiply future *Makers* in schools and communities throughout Connecticut,” said **Lynn Raicik, Director of Workforce at CCAT**. “Our Maker Multipliers initiative, supported by Stanley Black & Decker, will be part of a connected and inclusive platform to help transform the manufacturing workforce of the future.”

CCAT will build a diverse group of at least fifty individuals from a variety of backgrounds, impact 5,000 students and bring awareness to manufacturing and STEAM² (science, technology, engineering, arts, math, manufacturing) related careers.

“Stanley Black & Decker is immensely proud to support Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology as they work to skill and reskill the next generation of trade professionals,” said Stanley Black & Decker Vice President of Social Impact, Diane Cantello.

“Currently in the U.S., there are an estimated 650,000 open construction jobs and 10 million unfilled manufacturing jobs globally. Our purpose is to support ‘Those Who Make the World,’ and being able to fund educational programs and non-profits that are revitalizing trade careers directly connects to our

core mission. Thanks to this year's Makers Grant Recipients, together we will be one step closer to closing the trade skills gap."

To learn more about Stanley Black & Decker's "Empower Makers" Global Impact Challenge, this year's recipients and how non-profits may submit for the upcoming application period, please visit EmpowerMakers.com.



A few of CCAT's Maker Multipliers, clockwise from top: Oscar Montanez, Felanyely Barett Valdez and Rayanne MacFarlane, all photographed at our Advanced Technology Centers in East Hartford.*

**Photographed by Michael J. Fiedler Photography. See Oscar's full spotlight [here](#).*

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About CCAT

The Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, Inc. (CCAT), a nonprofit organization founded in 2004 and headquartered in East Hartford, CT, is a dynamic and innovative applied technology organization that leads regional and national partnerships that assist global industrial companies and

the manufacturing supply chain across industry sectors in driving advancements, efficiencies, and the adoption of leading-edge technologies.

Our vision is transformative solutions for a connected world, and our mission is to lead the advancement of applied technologies, power the workforce of the future and inspire change.

For more information on Maker Multipliers, reach out to Eileen Candels, Director of Partnerships, at ecandels@ccat.us.

About Stanley Black & Decker

Headquartered in the USA, Stanley Black & Decker (NYSE: SWK) is the world's largest tool company operating nearly 50 manufacturing facilities across America and more than 100 worldwide. Guided by its purpose – for those who make the world – the company's more than 60,000 diverse and high-performing employees produce innovative, award-winning power tools, hand tools, storage, digital tool solutions, lifestyle products, outdoor products, engineered fasteners and other industrial equipment to support the world's makers, creators, tradespeople and builders. The company's iconic brands include DEWALT, BLACK+DECKER, CRAFTSMAN, STANLEY, Cub Cadet, Hustler and Troy-Bilt. Recognized for its leadership in environmental, social and governance (ESG), Stanley Black & Decker strives to be a force for good in support of its communities, employees, customers and other stakeholders. To learn more visit: www.stanleyblackanddecker.com.

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