Toyota Committed to STEM Education

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NEW YORK (Nov. 12, 2013) – With 10 plants across America, Toyota knows that inspiring students to focus on STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math – skills is vital to the future growth of manufacturing in the United States.

Among the company's effort to prepare students for careers in manufacturing is Toyota's Advanced Manufacturing Technician Program. It teaches high school seniors the STEM skills they need to work in Toyota plants and includes a two-year associate degree, technical studies and paid work experience. In addition, the Toyota USA Foundation supports Thomas More College's partnership with local Kentucky high schools to recruit more students to STEM majors. And Toyota is helping the CREATE Foundation in Mississippi launch academic programs in fields such as computer graphics and animation, pre-engineering and advanced manufacturing.

Due to this commitment, New York Hall of Science (NYSCI) honored Toyota with its Global Science Award. Osamu "Simon" Nagata, president and chief executive officer of Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, accepted the award at NYSCI's annual gala this week.

"You can't run a business in the 21st century without technology playing a major role. The best corporations know that educating young people for STEM jobs in the future is key to their success," said Dr. Margaret Honey, president and CEO of NYSCI. "Toyota is a fantastic example of a company that is using the power of STEM education to create incredible innovations in sustainability and safety to make the world a better place."

NYSCI recognized Toyota for: "world-renowned excellence in engineering, technology and manufacturing; its visionary automotive leadership in the development of hybrids and other environmental and safety advances; and its commitment to STEM values, including Toyota USA Foundation's support of K-12 programs in math, science, and environmental science."

Please visit this link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4fdzkKxjpo to find out more about Toyota's commitment to STEM education.