

USG Corporation Employees Earn 2019 STEP Ahead Awards

Manufacturing Institute Recognizes Stacy Kuszmaul and Deirdre Brockwell for Excellence in Manufacturing

CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 1, 2019-- USG Corporation (NYSE: USG), an industry-leading manufacturer of building products and innovative solutions, announced today that Stacy Kuszmaul, plant manager in Delavan, Wis., and Deirdre Brockwell, staff researcher in Libertyville, Ill., were recognized by The Manufacturing Institute as part of its annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Production (STEP) Ahead Awards. This marks the fifth consecutive year that a USG employee has received this honor for her contributions to the manufacturing industry.

The STEP Ahead Awards honor women who have demonstrated excellence and leadership in their careers and represent all levels of the manufacturing industry, from the factory floor to the C-suite. Awards are given in two categories each year: Honorees, for their achievements and leadership at the very highest levels within their companies, and Emerging Leaders, for women age 30 or younger who have achieved success in the early years of their careers. The Manufacturing Institute's 2019 STEP Ahead class includes Kuszmaul as a STEP Ahead Honoree and Brockwell as an Emerging Leader.

"What really stands out about these two leaders is their passion for manufacturing and their respective roles within our organization. Stacy and Deirdre exemplify our values of integrity, quality and service and the impact of their leadership is felt across our organization and the broader industry," said Joseph Holmes, senior vice president of manufacturing, technology and global operations for USG Corporation.

As a plant manager with more than 15 years' experience at USG, Kuszmaul plays an integral role in improving the manufacturing processes for USG building products. She is recognized for her operational acumen – particularly on new line startups – and has been a key driver in the company's Performance Materials division.

Brockwell, a researcher in USG's ceilings lab, develops early stage concepts and conducts research that helps to expand USG's ceilings portfolio and respond to demands from architects, designers and contractors. She is also a Lean Six Sigma (LSS) Green Belt.

"Providing more opportunities for women in manufacturing is more than just the right thing to do. At a time when manufacturers face a workforce crisis, and with women still constituting less than a third of manufacturing workers, it's clearly critical to the future of our industry and the economy," said Carolyn Lee, executive director of The Manufacturing Institute. "The Manufacturing Institute's STEP Ahead Awards—which provide today's female leaders in manufacturing the recognition they deserve while simultaneously elevating role models that can inspire future generations to join them—are an important element of our commitment to helping foster a 21st century manufacturing workforce by developing current leaders and engaging future ones."

The Manufacturing Institute will recognize Kuszmaul, Brockwell, and their fellow STEP Ahead award recipients during a reception on Thursday, April 11, in Washington, D.C. For more information about USG and its commitment to promoting the achievements of women in STEM and manufacturing, visit usg.com.

About USG Corporation

USG Corporation is an industry-leading manufacturer of building products and innovative solutions. Headquartered in Chicago, USG serves construction markets around the world through its Gypsum, Performance Materials, Ceilings, and USG Boral divisions. Its wall, ceiling, flooring, sheathing and roofing products provide the solutions that enable customers to build the outstanding spaces where people live, work and play. Its USG Boral Building Products joint venture is a leading plasterboard and ceilings producer across Asia, Australasia and the Middle East. For additional information, visit www.usg.com.

About the Manufacturing Institute

The Manufacturing Institute (the Institute) is the 501(c)(3) affiliate of the National Association of Manufacturers. As a non-partisan organization, the Institute is committed to delivering leading-edge information and services to the nation's manufacturers. The Institute is the authority on the attraction, qualification and development of world-class manufacturing talent. For more information, please visit www.themanufacturinginstitute.org.

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