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**Harvard High School Awarded Over \$23,000 by Tooling & Manufacturing Association**

HARVARD, Ill. — On Friday, Feb. 7, the Tooling & Manufacturing Association Education Foundation presented a grant award for \$23,527.25 to Harvard High School.

The money goes towards the purchase of three new vertical mills and a Haas CNC Mini-Mill for the high school's manufacturing classes.

Robert Clifford, the foundation's president, and Leigh Coglianese, manager of training and education, visited the high school to present the award to manufacturing teacher Stephen Glasder and his students.

"We chose Harvard High School because their program is doing all the right things," Coglianese said. "They have students who place in the Tooling & Manufacturing Association's Annual Precision Machining Competition each year. They have students continuing onto careers in manufacturing after high school. Plus they have a great instructor to support their program along with support from the school."

Glasder is using the grant in combination with other funds secured this year. In October, Glasder won second place in the 2019 Harbor Freight "Tools for Schools" Prize for Teaching Excellence, earning Harvard's skilled trades program \$35,000.

"The Tooling & Manufacturing Association's grant helps fill the gap between the Harbor Freight award and Carl Perkins Vocational Education Grant," Glasder said.

Harvard High School Principal Carl Hobbs wants to continue to expand the high school's skilled trades program. "Mr. Glasder has done an amazing job of building the manufacturing program as well as building partnerships with area industry leaders," Hobbs said. "Our students are getting industry level training while in high school, which makes their skills attractive to employers."

Glasder sees a bright future for his students and the community. "The jobs that exist for CNC machining and programming are in demand," Glasder said. "A higher level of income comes with the skills students develop in our program."

"Without question, the income generated from this trade will raise the standard of living for each individual, their families, and our community," Glasder said.

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