

# Manufacturers Association of Central New York names three to wall of fame

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James J. McNamara Jr.

Syracuse, NY -- **The Manufacturers Association of Central New York** has named executives from companies that make electronics, air processing equipment, and manhole covers as this year's recipients of its Wall of Fame Awards.

The industry trade group named as Wall of Fame winners James J. McNamara Jr., president and CEO of **Endicott Interconnect Technologies Inc.**; Larry E. Wetzel, chairman of **Air Innovations Inc.**, and Mark Pulver, CEO of **Syracuse Castings Sales Corp.** They will be honored at MACNY's 98th annual dinner on May 12.

McNamara has spent more than 40 years in the electronics industry, most recently as head of Endicott Interconnect in Endicott. The company makes electronic devices.

He has received Binghamton University's 2005 Watson School Founders Award and was named Ernst & Young's 2008 Entrepreneur of the Year for Upstate New York, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Endicott Interconnect hosts the Center for Advanced Microelectronics Manufacturing, which it founded with Binghamton and Cornell Universities.



Larry E. Wetzel

Wetzel is an engineer who holds eight U.S. patents. He is the founding board member of the New York Indoor Environmental Quality Center Inc., which became the Syracuse Center of Excellence.

His company, Air Innovations Inc. in Cicero, makes products that purify the air, and traces its beginning to Clean Room Technology Inc., another company founded by Wetzel in 1983.

Wetzel also co-founded Exponential Business Development Co. to invest in and help start-up companies. Newtek Capital took over that company in 2002.



Mark Pulver

Pulver is the chief executive of Syracuse Castings, headquartered in Cicero. The company makes manhole covers, sewer grates and hatches.

He has worked for the company since 1971 and became its CEO when his father, Harry, retired in 1997.

Pulver is on the board of directors for CNY Works and MACNY.