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The Manufacturing Institute honors Wendy Wildenberg of Flint Hills Resources with national award for women in manufacturing

Rosemount, Minn. – The Manufacturing Institute named Flint Hills Resources chemical engineer and technical leader Wendy Wildenberg as an honoree of the 2020 STEP Ahead Awards. This program, created in 2012, recognizes women in the manufacturing industry who are making a difference through advocacy, mentorship, engagement, promotion and leadership.

Wildenberg is an expert in the field of hydroprocessing technology and has led significant projects at Flint Hills Resources' Pine Bend refinery over the past 25 years that help the refinery increase production of the fuels people need while lowering emissions.

“We are so proud that Wendy received this well-deserved honor from the Manufacturing Institute, supporting what we at Flint Hills have seen for years,” said Geoff Glasrud, vice president and manufacturing manager for the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery. “She is an outstanding talent and technical expert who shares her knowledge to improve our team, guide her peers and inspire future engineers.”

Throughout her career, Wildenberg has mentored hundreds of engineers, operators and maintenance leads. Outside of the refinery, Wildenberg shares her knowledge at her church through a family-friendly “Moments in Science” program to encourage awareness of practical science in daily life. She helps children and their parents to see life through a scientific lens and helps prepare the next generation of STEM-oriented learners to tackle challenging opportunities.

“I knew I wanted to be a chemical engineer at the age of 12, and I’m so fortunate that I get to live out my dream – working at a place that encourages creativity and innovation to improve operations,” said Wildenberg. “It feels great to be recognized for my nearly three decades of contributions to Flint Hills Resources.”

Wildenberg will be recognized at the 2020 STEP Ahead Awards gala in Washington, D.C., on April 30. Watch [this video](#) to learn more about Wildenberg’s achievements and career. [Click here](#) download a photo of Wildenberg for publication.

About Flint Hills Resources

Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery produces transportation fuels used throughout the Midwest, including most of Minnesota’s gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, as well as other products people rely on such as propane and asphalt. Located 17 miles southeast of Minneapolis, Pine Bend has a capacity of 345,000 barrels per day and is among the cleanest, most efficient and safest oil refineries in the country. Flint Hills Resources directly and indirectly supports more

than 4,000 Minnesota jobs and has invested nearly \$1.7 billion in upgrades and improvements to its Minnesota facilities since 2010. With 1,000 full-time employees, the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery is one of the largest employers in Dakota County. More information about the company is available at pinebendrefinery.com.

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