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Hillman Agrees to Acquire Kanebridge

Hillman Solutions Corp., Cincinnati, OH, USA, a leading provider of **HILLMAN**® hardware products and merchandising solutions, entered a definitive agreement to acquire **Kanebridge Corporation**, a leading master distributor of industrial fasteners for US\$315 million, subject to customary adjustments for cash, indebtedness, working capital and transaction expenses. Kanebridge supplies more than 44,000 commercial and military-grade fastener SKUs to distributors throughout the USA and Canada from its warehouses in Illinois and California, selling exclusively to distributors in commercial and industrial channels. Following completion of the acquisition, Kanebridge will operate as part of Hillman's commercial and industrial business. www.hillman.com

Vamp Screw Products Joins Fastener Industries

Berea, OH, USA-based **Fastener Industries, Inc.** announced that **Vamp Screw Products Company**, Trenton, MI, USA, joined Fastener Industries as a wholly owned subsidiary. Vamp joins the company of employee-owned companies that includes **Buckeye Fasteners, Modern Fasteners, The Ohio Nut and Bolt Co., Ohio Nut & Bolt of Canada, Ltd., Brainard Rivet, Joseph Industries, Inc. and Die Co., Inc.** Founded in 1942, Vamp Screw Products is a supplier of high-quality fasteners to distributors throughout the Midwest USA, including Buckeye Fasteners Co., Fastener Industries' primary distribution company. **Bob Perry**, Fastener Industries CEO, commented, "Vamp has been a reliable and trusted supplier to Buckeye Fasteners for more than 25 years. The company's name is well known as a high-quality supplier of nuts in the fastener industry. It makes perfect sense to welcome them as our latest acquisition." Vamp Screw Products was founded by **Paul and Mary Topolewski**, together with their sons, **Vincent and Albert Topolewski**. All of the current employees will be retained, and the firm will continue operating under the Vamp Screw Products name. www.fastenerind.com

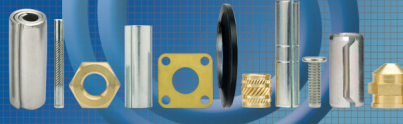
International Fastener Expo (IFE) Announces 2026 Award Honorees

The **International Fastener Expo (IFE)** announced the recipients of its two highest individual industry honors for 2026. **Taryn Goodman**, Vice President of **Industrial Rivet & Fastener Co.**, was named the **2026 Young Fastener Professional (YFP) of the Year**, and **Tim Roberto Jr.**, Vice President of **Star Stainless Screw Company**, will be inducted into the **International Fastener Expo Hall of Fame** on October 8, 2026 at **IFE 2026** in Phoenix, AZ, USA. These awards recognize individuals whose leadership, innovation and dedication have made a lasting impact on the fastener industry. IFE is North America's largest trade show dedicated to the fastener industry, bringing together global manufacturers, distributors, suppliers and end users. www.fastenershow.com


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FDH Aero Opens New Sales/Distribution Site in Montreal, Canada

FDH Aero, a leading global provider of supply chain solutions for the aerospace and defense industry, opened a new sales and distribution facility in Montreal, Canada. The new location will serve as a dedicated hub to support FDH's expanding business in Canada, bringing essential aerospace products and supply chain solutions directly to the region. Anchored by local teams with deep market knowledge, in-country inventory and reliable service, the site shows FDH's strategy of pairing global scale with localized support.

www.fdh aero.com

DSG to Be Taken Private

Distribution Solutions Group, Inc. (DSG) entered into a definitive merger

agreement under which newly formed entities controlled by **LKCM Headwater Investments, LLC** will acquire all of the outstanding shares of common stock of DSG not already owned by LKCM Headwater and its affiliates for US\$35/share in cash. LKCM Headwater and its affiliates currently own approximately 79% of DSG's outstanding common stock.

www.distributionsolutionsgroup.com



Experience IFE Beyond the Show Floor: Networking/Events

Anya Falcone, Show Director, *International Fastener Expo (IFE)*, reports, "Business doesn't just start, or stop, on the show floor. From the annual Golf Tournament and the new IFAS Summit to the Expo, Welcome Party, Fastener Fest Happy Hour and Jampack, IFE is surrounded by opportunities to meet new customers, reconnect with existing ones, strengthen industry relationships and build new partnerships. These events are more than just networking opportunities, they're an extension of the show experience and some of the best places to engage with the fastener industry outside the exhibit hall.

"On October 7, 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM, kick off IFE week on the course alongside customers, prospects and industry peers. The annual Golf Tournament remains popular for networking.

"From 8 AM to 5 PM, the International Fastener & Supply Association (IFAS) lets industry professionals gather for a full day of association programming, education and networking before the Expo opens. The IFE Welcome Party

takes place at The Churchill from 5 PM to 8 PM. Admission is US\$25 per person and includes one drink ticket (beer, wine or cocktail) and one dinner ticket redeemable at Stoop Kid, Freak Brothers Pizza or Loco Style Grindz. Golf Tournament and IFAS participants receive complimentary admission.

"October 8 is the opening day of IFE, bringing thousands of industry professionals together for two days of sourcing, education and networking.

"New this year, Fastener Fest, Networking Happy

Hour, 3 PM to 4 PM, on the Expo floor, transforms the final hour of opening day into a networking happy hour across the exhibit hall. Enjoy sponsored in-booth bars, food stations and gathering spaces while conversations continue in a relaxed atmosphere designed to keep traffic flowing throughout the floor.

"The After Dark Party at Sazerac runs from 8 PM to 10 PM. Continue the conversations after the show at the Sazerac, IFE's official after-hours networking party." www.fastenershow.com



International Fastener Expo

TRUFAST® welcomes Eric Flores & Zeke Sallouha

Bryan, OH, USA-based TRUFAST®, a brand of ALTENLOH, BRINCK & CO. US, INC., welcomed Eric Flores as a new TRUFAST Roofing Technical Sales Representative.

Flores brings strong logistics, route management, customer service and operational skills to his role, having entered the industry as a delivery driver for UPS. He then transitioned to the roofing industry with ABC Supply as a warehouse associate,



gaining hands-on experience with inventory, material handling and customer services.

TRUFAST also added Zeke Sallouha as TRUFAST Walls District Sales Manager.

Sallouha has over 10 years of experience in management, sales, business development and technical support in the construction/building materials industry. Prior to joining TRUFAST, he held sales/leadership roles at Sherwin-Williams, Sto Corp. and Sika.

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Distributor Agreement for PennAero & FDH Aero

FDH Aero, Commerce, CA, USA, a leading global provider of supply chain solutions for the aerospace and defense industry, and **PennAero**, a premier manufacturer of highly engineered fasteners and specialized components, announced a new agreement establishing FDH Aero as a full-line authorized distributor. Under the terms of the agreement, FDH Aero gains access to the full portfolio of PennAero products including **Monogram Aerospace**, **Allfast Fastening Systems**, **Mac Fasteners** and **Toronto Fasteners**. The agreement broadens FDH Aero's hardware offering and enhances



its ability to support aerospace and defense customers globally with high-quality fastening solutions. PennAero is an independent producer of highly engineered fasteners, precision-machined components and complex assemblies for the global aerospace, defense, space and advanced energy markets. With engineering and manufacturing operations in North America, Europe and Asia, PennAero leverages deep engineering expertise to deliver high-performance solutions for airframe and engine makers, supporting demanding and critical applications across the industry. www.FDHAero.com

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New Tapcon+® Screw Anchors from CONFAST

Tapcon+® from **CONFAST** is "a top choice for use in heavy-duty concrete fastening." These all-in-one concrete screw anchors install faster and deliver up to 20% greater holding power than wedge or sleeve anchors. With durable Blue Climaseal® coatings for long-lasting corrosion resistance, Heavy-Duty Tapcon+ anchors also allow use closer to concrete edges with confidence. Users can visually verify proper seating, and incorrectly installed anchors can be easily removed and replaced.



www.confast.com

ASTM Honors William King & Kevin Menke with Awards

William King, recently retired Technical Sales Manager at **Brighton Best International**, received the **ASTM** 2026 Award of Merit for his contributions to its fasteners committee (F16). Also ASTM's fasteners committee (F16) presented its Fred F. Weingruber Award to **Kevin Menke**, Director of Engineering at **Fastenal**. The award recognizes Menke's exemplary and sustained leadership and service to committee F16.



www.astm.org

Grainger & American Red Cross celebrate 25 years of partnership

Grainger, Chicago, IL, USA, a leading broad-line distributor of maintenance, repair and operating (MRO) products and services, is celebrating 25 years of partnership with the American Red Cross. Together, the organizations are advancing disaster preparedness and response across the United States, where the Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters each year.



As a member of the Disaster Responder Program, Grainger contributes financial and in-kind donations in advance of disasters to help ensure the Red Cross has the infrastructure, volunteers, technology and resources needed to provide relief in times of crisis. Since 2001, Grainger has committed over US\$21.6 million in cash and product donations, including over 170,000 smoke alarms for the national Home Fire Campaign, along with much employee volunteer support.

www.grainger.com

New White Cap Enterprise Distribution Center

White Cap, Atlanta, GA, USA, a

leading distributor of specialty construction supplies and safety products for professional contractors, celebrated the grand opening of its Enterprise Distribution Center (EDC) in Bethlehem, PA, USA.



The 480,940 ft² facility is the company's second EDC and first in the eastern USA, representing a major investment in White Cap's national supply chain network. The facility strengthens the company's ability to deliver specialty construction supplies and safety products quickly and reliably to professional contractors in the surrounding region.

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Rebecca Fry to CFO at Decker Manufacturing
Decker Manufacturing Corporation, Albion, MI, USA, hired **Rebecca Fry** as Chief Financial Officer (CFO). She succeeds **Tom Pitt** who retired. Fry brings over 20 years of progressive financial leadership experience across the manufacturing, construction and service industries. A Certified Management Accountant (CMA), she has a proven track record of driving strategic growth through financial planning, process improvement, ERP implementations and operational excellence.



www.deckernut.com

Gilchrist Foundation Awards Scholarships

The **Gilchrist Foundation** awarded three scholarships from its 2026 applicants. The Foundation offers congratulations to the recipients, wishes them well and is pleased to assist them with their education. The scholarship award recipients are as follows along with their sponsoring companies: **Rily McDaniel, Monroe WCL, Drake Herron, Upstate Industrial Supply**, and **Noah Cooper, Kanebridge Corporation**.



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FDI Steady at 59.9 & FLI Rises to 61.6

The FDI remained strong in July 2026, almost unchanged at 59.9 after its 60.0 reading in June, 2026, seasonally adjusted. The Forward Looking Indicator (FLI) shot up to 61.6 — its strongest reading in four years. More FDI coverage will be available on the *Fully Threaded Radio* podcast, episode #230, as **Star Stainless** Vice President **Tim Roberto Jr.** joins *Fastener Technology International (FTI)* Editor **Mike McNulty** on

the *Fastener News Report* to provide further commentary and analysis. Listen online at www.fullythreaded.com

See FDI details at www.fdisurvey.com
www.fastenersclearinghouse.com/fch/main.nsf/fastener-distributor-index



Fastener Distribution Trends: July 2026

FASTENER DISTRIBUTION AT A GLANCE											
July 2026											
	Index Values										Rate of Change
	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Direction	
ISM PMI (Manufacturing)	55.6	53.3	54.0	52.7	52.7	52.4	52.6	47.9	48.2	Growing	Faster
FDI	59.9	60.0	56.9	56.3	59.7	52.7	52.0	56.4	50.0	Growing	Slower
FLI	61.6	56.7	58.9	57.4	58.7	52.2	54.0	51.2	55.4	Growing	Faster
(Other Metrics)											
Sales	82.7	79.8	72.4	77.1	67.5	63.2	51.6	58.7	49.6	Growing	Faster
Employment	59.4	60.4	62.5	56.5	66.1	53.3	60.3	52.9	54.8	Growing	Slower
Supplier Deliveries	57.8	56.3	57.8	50.0	62.5	48.3	52.9	60.0	54.8	Growing	Faster
Respondent Inventories	57.8	58.3	53.1	58.1	55.4	56.7	60.3	62.9	61.3	Growing	Slower
Customer Inventories	40.6	45.8	40.6	41.9	42.9	46.7	44.1	51.4	40.3	Declining	Faster
Pricing, month-to-month	64.1	68.8	78.1	74.2	67.9	73.3	70.6	72.9	71.0	Growing	Slower
Pricing, year to year	89.1	95.8	92.2	93.5	91.1	95.0	88.2	92.9	85.5	Growing	Slower
										Higher Same Lower	
6-Month Outlook - July										66% 28% 6%	

FDI and Pricing are diffusion indexes. At 50, the performance of the category listed met expectations. A reading above 50 suggests the category outperformed expectations, while a reading below 50 suggests the category underperformed expectations.

Source: Baird, FCH Sourcing Network, Institute for Supply Management

Decker adds six-die nut former

Decker Manufacturing, Albion, MI, USA, recently expanded its manufacturing capabilities with the addition of a six-die nut former from Jern Yao Enterprises Co.

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- Complex parts
- Made in the USA

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According to the company, the new equipment will enable Decker Manufacturing to produce flange weld nuts and manufacture more complex parts with greater preci-

sion as well as continue supplying fastening products for its customers. The investment in this machine is also intended to strengthen the company's domestic manufacturing capabilities as well as support the USA supply chain.

Decker stated that it has continued to invest in manufacturing technology and personnel throughout its nearly 100-year history. The addition of the new Jern Yao nut former represents the latest step in expanding the company's production capabilities to meet changing customer requirements.

Decker's bulk fasteners are produced from industrial quality American-made steel wire with a copper coating resulting in a copper colored finish, with a galvanized coating resulting in a silver colored finish or a stainless steel wire resulting in a shiny silver colored finish. The

Packer Fastener Opens New Distribution Centers in Salt Lake City and Omaha

Packer Fastener, Green Bay, WI, USA, a leading contractor and industrial supply distributor, has opened its newest distribution center in Salt Lake City, UT, USA. The distribution center, located at 781 N 6715 W, Building 8, Suite 803, in Salt Lake City, measures 55,000 ft². This expansion will support major manufacturing and construction projects in the region, enabling continued growth and job creation among the industries and businesses it serves.

Following the official opening of a distribution center in Indianapolis, IN, USA, on June 1, 2026, this new Salt Lake City location reinforces Packer Fastener's commitment to serving construction and manufacturing customers where they need it most. Positioning inventory and support services closer to customers in the Salt Lake City region helps reduce lead times, improve

delivery speed and strengthen supply reliability—keeping projects moving efficiently from start to finish.

"We're following our customers in renewable energy, data centers and power generation; we are going exactly where they need us most and we're not slowing down," said

Terry Albrecht, Packer Fastener CEO. "From warehouse to worksite, the Packer Fastener team is here to keep Salt Lake City projects stocked, organized and on schedule."

Packer Fastener has also opened another new location near Omaha, NE, USA, which measures 24,000 ft² and will support major manufacturing and construction projects in the region. The Omaha location lets Packer better position inventory/support services closer to customers in eastern Nebraska.

www.packerfastener.com



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LSG Promotes Alex Acosta and Jerad Tuxen

Blaine, MN, USA-based **LindFast Solutions Group (LSG)**, a leading industrial supply chain solutions platform, promoted

Alex Acosta to Senior Vice President, Corporate Development, and it promoted **Jerad Tuxen** to Vice President, Value-Added Services (VAS) and Quality.

Prior to joining LSG, Acosta worked in private equity and investment banking and served as Director at **NextEra Energy**. Tuxen joined LSG in April, after spending 15 years at **Fastenal**.

www.lindFASTgrp.com



Wally Tappe to VP of Sales at Endries International

Endries International, Inc. announced the appointment of

Wally Tappe as Vice President of Sales, strengthening the company's commercial leadership as it continues to scale its go-to-market capabilities. Tappe brings more than two decades of sales leadership experience in distribution and B2B channels to his new Vice President position at Endries.

www.endries.com



company offers a choice of coatings on most of its rings.

www.deckermfg.com

Bontempi standard & special fasteners displayed at Fastener Fair Italy 2026

Bontempi VIBO exhibited at *Fastener Fair Italy 2026*, a trade show event for the Italian screw, bolt and fastening systems industry.



The company highlighted its "Made in Italy" quality, standard and special fastening solutions, in direct engagement with the market. Bontempi VIBO showcased its expertise in the production of standard and special fasteners, with an offering that represents the best of Italian manufacturing in the industrial fastening sector.

Visiting the Bontempi VIBO stand at the show offered the opportunity to discover firsthand the quality and precision that define Bontempi VIBO's production, explore the company's catalog of solutions for standard and special fasteners, learn about the latest industry news and global fastening market trends and engage directly with the Bontempi sales team regarding market challenges and opportunities.

www.vibo.com

Chaince Securities is exclusive sales agent for ZJK Industrial's equity offering program

Chaince Securities, LLC, a FINRA-registered broker-dealer and wholly owned subsidiary of Chaince Digital Holdings Inc., was engaged as exclusive sales agent for the at-the-market (ATM) equity offering



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PrimeSource Brands

Acquires Starborn Industries

PrimeSource Brands, a North American provider of specialty branded building products backed by **Clearlake Capital Group, L.P.**, acquired **Starborn Industries**, a leading provider of branded fastening solutions and **STARBORN** installation systems for decking and exterior applications. The transaction represents PrimeSource Brands' 11th acquisition since partnering with Clearlake in 2020. Financial terms were not disclosed.

www.psbrands.com

Index Industries Expands Virginia Operations with New Distribution Facility

Index Industries relocated its Virginia, USA, warehouse operations to a larger, more modern facility as part of the company's continued growth strategy. The new facility significantly increases its warehouse capacity and operational capabilities, while



allowing more space for future investments in secondary process equipment.

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Clarendon France Relocates to New Facility

Clarendon Specialty Fasteners reports that **Swift Aerospace France**, trading as **Clarendon France**, relocated its operations to a new facility in Toulouse, France, which became effective on July 27, 2026.

The 1233 m² facility provides additional space and upgraded infrastructure to support warehouse operations, improve working conditions and maintain certification standards including EN9120. According to the company, its systems and processes were designed to ensure a seamless transition.

"This is a strategic move for the group," said **Paul Sanders**, Managing Director. "We are really excited about the fu-

ture for the French entity and our ability to serve our customers in France and into the broader European market." Effective May 1, 2026, Swift Aerospace began trading under the Clarendon name, marking a significant milestone for the group. Clarendon Specialty Fasteners is a leading stockist and distributor of fastening systems to the aerospace, motorsport, defense and industrial markets.

www.clarendonsf.com



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Suncor Stainless® Expands Tie-Down Ring Program with New Double Ring Series

Suncor Stainless® Inc., a leading manufacturer of stainless steel hardware in the industrial, marine, government, architectural, OEM and commercial industries, expanded its new line of stainless-steel tie-down rings with the double ring series, designed to provide durable, corrosion-resistant anchor points for transportation, marine, construction and industrial applications.

Designed for maximum versatility, the expanded program offers flexibility to create custom, heavy-duty anchors tailored to exact operational needs. From over-the-road transport fleets, utility trailers and pickup truck beds to harsh marine decks, construction sites, agriculture and OEM machine platforms,

these tie-downs adapt to almost any surface or load requirement.



The addition of the 4-hole model provides enhanced load distribution and maximum holding stability for heavier-duty applications. Manufactured from high-quality 304 stainless steel, all tie-down rings in the program deliver long service life and superior resistance to harsh environments.

The program includes multiple ring styles and mounting configurations, including D-rings, triangle rings and rectangle rings, as well as surface-mount and recessed pan options to support a wide range of installation requirements and load securement needs.

www.suncorstainless.com

program of ZJK Industrial Co., Ltd., a high-tech enterprise specializing in the manufacture and sale of precision fasteners, structural parts and other precision metal parts. The engagement is made pursuant to an At Market Sales Agreement dated 2026, under which the company may offer and sell, from time to time, Class A ordinary shares through Chaince.

www.chaincesecurities.com
ir.zjk-industrial.com

Fastenal share repurchase activity

In Q2 2026, Fastenal purchased 650,000 shares of its common stock



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Sales & Net Income Table

Company	Sales	%Δ	Income (Loss)	%Δ
Distribution Solutions Group, Inc.	558	11.0	8	69.8
Hillman Solutions Corp.	442	9.8	21	33.6
Howmet Aerospace	2547	24.1	534	-7.9
Illinois Tool Works Inc.	4301	6.1	815	7.9
Park-Ohio Holdings Corp.	440	9.9	12	31.5
Nucor Corporation	10,397	9.5	1156	55.6
Simpson Manufacturing Co.	671	6.3	127	22.7
Stanley Black & Decker	3961	0.4	351	244.5
W.W. Grainger, Inc.	5021	10.3	570	18.3

Quarterly Sales & Net Income data in US\$ millions

at an average price of US\$45.72 per share. Fastenal now has authority to purchase up to 11,325,000 shares of **FASTENAL** its common stock under the July 12, 2022 authorization.
www.fastenal.com

Keller & Kalmbach launches new future with MSH

The Keller & Kalmbach Group secured the future of the former Dresselhaus site in Maisach, Germany. The newly established **Münchner Schraubenhandel** MSH GmbH & Co. KG (MSH) acquired key business activities of the former Dresselhaus operation in Maisach. The transaction retains valuable expertise, experienced employees and long-standing customer relationships. Integration

into the Keller & Kalmbach Group offers a strong foundation for the site's long-term development and continued operational excellence.
www.dermsh.de

Dividend Report...

- **Fastenal Co.**, Winona, MN, USA, declared a dividend of US\$0.26/share payable Aug. 25, 2026, to holders of record on Jul. 28, 2026. investor.fastenal.com
- **Howmet Aerospace Inc.**, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, declared a dividend of US\$0.14/share, payable Aug. 25, 2026, to holders of common stock on Aug. 7, 2026. www.howmet.com
- **Simpson Mfg. Co.**, Pleasanton, CA, USA, declared a US\$0.30/share dividend, payable Oct. 22, 2026, to holders of record on Oct. 1, 2026. www.strongtie.com
- **Stanley Black & Decker**, New Britain, CT, USA, declared a dividend of US\$0.84/share, payable Sept. 22, 2026, to holders of record on Sept. 8, 2026. www.stanleyblackanddecker.com
- **W.W. Grainger, Inc.**, Chicago, IL, USA, declared a quarterly cash dividend of US\$2.49/share, payable Sept. 1, 2026, to holders of record on Aug. 10, 2026. invest.grainger.com

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Portland Bolt Acquires Threadline Products

Portland Bolt & Manufacturing Co., LLC, a leading domestic manufacturer and global provider of anchor bolts, structural bolts, direct tension indicating (DTI) washers and nonstandard construction fasteners, acquired **Threadline Products, Inc.**, a Charlotte, NC, USA-based manufacturer of custom anchor bolts, threaded rod and fabricated structural steel products. Threadline has a reputation for fast turnaround, custom fabrication and customer service in construction distribution, steel fabrication and Department of Transportation markets.

www.portlandbolt.com

James Margiotta to CEO at MW Fasteners

James Margiotta is the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at **MW Fasteners**, bringing extensive leadership and manufacturing experience including several years as GM of **Accurate Screw Machine**. Margiotta assumes the role as MW continues investing in its workforce, expanding USA manufacturing and increasing production capacity and technical capabilities for customers.

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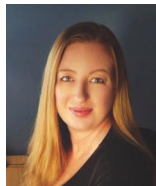
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WIFI Announces Scholarship Winners

Women in the Fastener Industry (WIFI) reports **Jessica Coan** of **AZ Wire & Cable** and **Melanie Stapula** of **Engineered Parts Sourcing Inc.** as winners of Joanne Sherman E-Learning Scholarships. Sponsored through **THORS eLearning Solutions**, the scholarship provides professional training to help WIFI members build skills to grow careers.

Coan has served as Director of Credit at AZ Wire & Cable for the last 14 years. Following AZ Wire & Cable's recent acquisition by **LindFast Solutions Group (LSG)**, the classes will provide her with fastener terminology and industry knowledge. The training will build her skills, support continuous professional development and enhance her ability to contribute to her organization.

Stapula has served as Talent Acquisition Manager for Engineered Parts Sourcing since September 2025. Before joining EPS, she spent four years with **Atlas CopcoHenrob**. The classes will provide Stapula with fastener



terminology and industry knowledge, expanding her understanding of the industry and its products. The training will strengthen her skills, support her professional development, enhance her contributions to EPS and help advance her career.

WIFI also announces that **Sandra Gerhardt** of **Engineered Components Company** is the winner of this year's Maryann Marzocchi Education Scholarship. This scholarship reflects WIFI's commitment to supporting education, fostering professional development and empowering the next generation of women leaders. Sandra has been part of the fastener industry for nearly three years, serving as an Assistant Account Manager at Engineered Components. During that time, she earned her Associate Degree and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.



www.fastenerwomen.com

Registration Now Open for 2026 NFDA Executive Summit

The *2026 NFDA Executive Summit* takes place October 28 to 30, 2026, at the **JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa**, Palm Desert, CA, USA. Registration for the event is now open—sign up/reserve your room by October 6 for the best rate.



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EVENTS

August 30 – September 2, 2026

FSTNR Week '26, Chicago, IL, USA
www.mwfa.net

August 31 – September 4, 2026

Fastener Training Week
Chicago, IL, USA
www.fastenertraining.org

September 4 – 6, 2026

Fastener Fair Mexico 2026
Guadalajara, Mexico
www.fastenerfairmexico.com

September 16 – 18, 2026

Pac-West Coastal Connection
Monterey, CA, USA
www.pac-west.org

September 17 – 20, 2026

Fastener Expo Eurasia 2026
Istanbul, Turkey
www.fastenerexpoeurasia.com

September 26 – 29, 2026

2026 IFI Annual Fall Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, ID, USA
www.indfast.org

October 7 – 9, 2026

International Fastener Expo
(IFE 2026), Phoenix, AZ, USA
www.fastenershow.com

October 14 – 15, 2026

FASTENER POLAND®, Krakow, Poland
www.fastenerpoland.pl

October 28 – 30, 2026

NFDA Executive Summit
Palm Desert, CA, USA
www.nfda-fastener.org

November 15 – 17, 2026

STAFDA's 50th Annual Convention
& Trade Show, Anaheim, CA, USA
www.stafda.org

April 6 – 8, 2027

Fastener Fair Global, Stuttgart, Germany
www.fastenerfairglobal.com

May 19 – 20, 2027

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