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Sammy Davis of Milliken & Company Named a S.C. Chamber Manufacturing Employee of the Year
Chemical industry safety and training facilitator recognized for exemplary work

SPARTANBURG, S.C. - Milliken & Company is honored to share that Sammy Davis, safety and training facilitator at Milliken's Allen Plant, was named Manufacturing Employee of the Year in the Large Company/Support category by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. The program recognizes the important contributions honorees have made to their employers, customers and communities.

"Sammy's dedication to safety exemplifies what it takes for a global company to achieve manufacturing excellence," shared Halsey Cook, president and CEO of Milliken & Company. "Sammy's passion for safety makes the Allen plant a safer place for our associates to work, which results in better products for our customers and reinforces Milliken's commitment to being a responsible employer."

Promoted from the manufacturing floor to his current position, Davis brings a real-world view of the production process to build stronger production teams. His entrepreneurial spirit has resulted in numerous successes for him, his fellow associates and the company. Davis founded the Allen Plant Mentor Process for new hires, he implemented an electronic skill certification testing and tracking system saving more than 1,000 hours a year in associate time, and his safety initiatives have helped the Allen plant maintain the highly respected OSHA VPP (Voluntary Protection Program) Star Status for effective safety and health management systems.

Davis shares his expertise to help others create and implement effective safety programs. As a designated Special Government Employee (SGE) of OSHA, he audits VPP certifications throughout the southeast. He also presents safety best practices with Performance Solutions by Milliken, a manufacturing excellence consultant business of Milliken.

"Sammy sets the standard for safety in chemical manufacturing," said David Moody, president of Milliken Chemical. "In a field where safety is paramount, he inspires Milliken Chemical associates to take ownership of not only their personal safety, but also of the safety of their fellow associates. It is people like Sammy who are moving the entire chemical industry forward."

Davis began his career at Milliken's Magnolia Finishing Plant in 1978, progressing through the ranks as a production associate. In 1988, he joined the start-up team for the newly built Allen plant. In 2011 he became plant facilitator, and his love for safety and training evolved into in the plant safety and training facilitator role created for him. Davis is recognized throughout Milliken as a safety and training resource.

About Milliken

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