



Parker Presents its Newest Motion and Control Laboratory at Western Michigan

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KALAMAZOO, Mich., Oct. 7 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Parker announces the dedication of its newest Motion and Control Lab located at Western Michigan University. The Lab is a culmination of the long-time partnership between Parker and the University, including four years of focused planning regarding logistics. Since its founding in 1918, Parker has maintained a legacy of commitment to community and educational support for young people, particularly in engineering fields.

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Western Michigan University will be expanding its curriculum to include lab experiments for undergraduate students as well as senior design and research projects. New Motion and Control courses will be offered in the future to facilitate additional Lab use.

Through the generosity of the Parker Foundation, 10 universities across the United States now house Parker Motion & Control Laboratories. These Labs expose engineering students to the tri-technologies of motion & control (ie. electro- hydraulics, electro-pneumatics and electromechanical motion control). In addition, the facilities foster an inter-disciplinary approach to teaching motion & control. The company started this program in 1994 to better prepare students to enter the real world as problem solvers.

Universities with Parker sponsored Motion & Control Labs include: Cleveland State University, University of Akron, Murray State University, University of Cincinnati, Purdue University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana, Western Michigan University, University of California - Irvine and Cal-Poly, San Luis Obispo. Each university's Lab is different as the schools are encouraged to tailor their facility to meet the needs of their students.

Parker also supports the universities by maintaining Lab equipment; providing technical assistance programs and design counsel; and sponsoring scholarships, student organizations, academic competitions, internships and co-ops. The company believes the partnership between industry and universities is essential to continuous technical advancement.

With annual sales exceeding \$6 billion, Parker Hannifin (NYSE: PH) is the world's leading diversified manufacturer of motion and control technologies and systems, providing precision-engineered solutions for a wide variety of commercial, mobile, industrial and aerospace markets. The company employs more than 46,000 people in 44 countries around the world. For more information, visit the company's web site at www.parker.com , or its investor information site at www.phstock.com .

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