**The Outstanding Business Partner for May 2018 is ArtiFlex.**

ArtiFlex has been a staple in the Wayne County manufacturing community for over 158 years. Beginning as the Wehe Company in 1860 building carriages in Marshallville and becoming the Gerstenslager Company by 1904, they have adapted to industry needs and grown through acquisitions and partnering over the years into the global tooling and manufacturing leader they are today. They provide services such as tool & die design and building, tool development, prototypes, blanking, stamping, manual and robotic assembly, conventional hemming & robotic roller hemming, e-coating, packaging & warehousing.

ArtiFlex has served and supported the RAMTEC project from the beginning. They have employees serving on our Robotics & Automation Advisory Committee, have donated a large FANUC robot to the RAMTEC facility to provide training on a full-scale machine, and have had many Adult Education students enrolled in our programs. In addition, ArtiFlex provides opportunities for field trips, guest speakers, job shadowing sites, mentoring, and job opportunities for our students.

Robotics Instructor Drew Fuller said, “I nominated ArtiFlex for their continued support of the program. Each time we work together, they have provided insight for our future plans to make them successful. They help in every way for our current needs as we build the Robotics & Automation program.”

We are very lucky to have an innovative employer such as ArtiFlex in our community and we’re proud to name them our Outstanding Business Partner.