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Apprenticeship Week is Nov. 12-16, 2018

National Apprenticeship Week in Minnesota is Nov. 12-16, 2018. It is an opportunity for the apprenticeship community to tell their stories about apprenticeship and share with businesses, industry, labor, education, career-seekers, community-based organizations, students and workers the advantages of developing careers through adoption of the apprenticeship model.

Visit www.dli.mn.gov/NAW to see events, featured apprentices and apprenticeship sponsors throughout the week. Be sure to follow us on social media for all of the news of Apprenticeship Week.



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Apprentices to be featured during Apprenticeship Week

Meet Caitlyn Liljedahl. Less than a year after graduating high school, she applied with the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters Floor Covering Apprenticeship Program. Soon after, she found employment with Sonus Interiors learning her craft during the renovation of the Minnesota State Capitol.

Liljedahl is proving to be a great leader to her fellow apprentices in the trades. Through dedication, hard work and a positive attitude, she is setting a great example to other young people entering apprenticeship.



Caitlyn Liljedahl

Feature an apprentice

Do you have an apprentice who is doing great things? Let us know! Send a short bio about the apprentice and a photo to dli.apprenticeship@state.mn.us. During Apprenticeship Week (Nov. 12-16, 2018) visit www.dli.mn.gov/NAW to see other featured apprentices.

Metro Transit hopes to stem driver shortage with apprenticeship

Metro Transit is turning to one of the most time-tested methods of training workers to fill out its ranks with new bus drivers and mechanics – registered apprenticeship. In September, the regional transit agency announced it will participate in the Minnesota Apprenticeship initiative, to recruit and train as many as 200 new employees in the coming years.

The initiative is operated by the Minnesota Departments of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). It actively recruits apprentices in a number of key industries that are vital to Minnesota’s economy. By participating in the program, apprentices can earn a wage while being trained in an area with a high demand for workers.

- Read more about the [Metro Transit apprenticeship program](#).
- Read more about the [Minnesota Apprenticeship Initiative](#).



Representatives from DLI, Metro Transit, DEED and other partners gathered in September to recognize Metro Transit’s registered apprenticeship program for drivers and mechanics.

Apprenticeship Minnesota represented at national conference

In July 2018, the National Association of State and Territorial Apprenticeship Directors (NASTAD) and the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Apprenticeship conducted a conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to discuss expansion of apprenticeship and the U.S. apprenticeship system.

Apprenticeship Minnesota is one of 26 state apprenticeship authorities managing its state’s registered apprenticeship programs. Minnesota was represented by John Aiken, director of apprenticeship with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), and Rick Martagon, apprenticeship state program administrator, DLI. At the conference, they provided information about apprenticeship in Minnesota and updates about the Minnesota Apprenticeship and APEX initiatives that are driving expansion of registered apprenticeship in Minnesota. Aiken was elected to the NASTAD executive board



State and U.S. Territorial apprenticeship directors visit Quad Graphics registered apprenticeship program in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during the 2018 NASTAD conference.



Apprenticeship Minnesota participates in Veterans Career Fair

Apprenticeship Minnesota participated in the 12th Annual Veterans Career Fair conducted at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in July 2018. Pictured is Terry Frauly, Apprenticeship Minnesota. The event brought together employers, service providers, HR professionals and more.

Apprenticeship Minnesota helps celebrate Laborers open house

Apprenticeship Minnesota participated in the seventh annual Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) Training Center Open House on Oct. 12, 2018, at the Construction Laborers Training Center in Lino Lakes.

The event included training sessions, tours and special presentations. John Aiken, director of apprenticeship with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, was invited by LIUNA to share an update about the state of apprenticeship in Minnesota before an audience of more than 200 attendees.

“The Laborers Union has one of the largest apprenticeship programs in Minnesota. It’s been great working with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry in helping people succeed in the construction trades through apprenticeship, so the next generation can realize the dream of being tomorrow’s construction workforce leaders,” said Dean Mills, LIUNA Minnesota director of training.

Those in attendance included contractors, Minnesota Building Trades officials, school administrators, workforce development coordinators, state legislators, local government representatives and more.



Above, participants on a tour of the Construction Laborers Training Center. At right, John Aiken, director of apprenticeship with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, addresses the event’s more than 200 attendees.



Construct Tomorrow introduces students to the building trades

Construct Tomorrow offers high school students a hands-on opportunity to learn about apprenticeships in the construction trades.

Organizers kicked-off the 2018-2019 school year in October 2018 with events in Eveleth, Fairmont and St. Paul. Construct Tomorrow is a partnership of the Minnesota building and construction trades apprenticeship programs, industry leaders, educators, employers, and government agencies. Since 2013, over 60,000 students have attended Construct Tomorrow events throughout Minnesota.

Additional Construct Tomorrow events are scheduled for:

- Oct. 25, 2018 – St. Paul: Washington Tech Magnet School
- Nov. 28, 2018 – Mankato: Mankato Verizon Center
- Jan. 30, 2019 – St. Cloud: St. Cloud State University Field House
- Feb. 12, 2019 – Crookston/Thief River Falls: East Grand Forks High School
- Feb. 21, 2019 – Hinckley: Grand Casino Hinckley
- Feb. 26-27, 2019 – Duluth: DECC Convention Center
- March 5, 2019 – New Hope: Cooper High School

For more information visit www.constructtomorrow.org.

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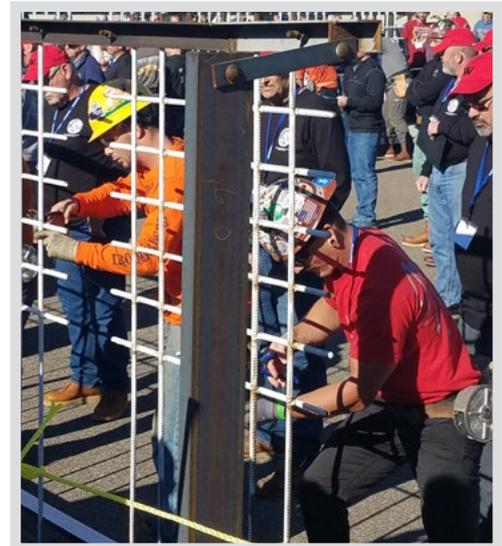
BY THE NUMBERS

	July 2018	August 2018	Sept. 2018
Sponsor information			
Active sponsors	194	195	195
New sponsors	0	3	0
New occupations	2	10	3
Apprentice information			
Total apprentices	11,858	12,136	11,786
Females	901	931	912
Minorities	2,420	2,476	2,364
Veterans	799	813	810
New apprentices	621	506	338
Graduations	92	94	109
Services to sponsors and apprentices			
Information calls	199	191	199
Community outreach visits	20	2	25
Technical assistance visits	27	10	9



Iron workers host international apprenticeship event

Above and at right: Participants in the 2018 International Apprenticeship Competition conducted in September. Hundreds of spectators were drawn to the event hosted by Twin City Iron Workers, Local 512.



Twin City Iron Workers, Local 512, hosted the 2018 International Apprenticeship Competition in September.

Seventy-five apprentices from the United States and Canada completed in this year's event drawing hundreds of spectators. Throughout four days, apprentices competed in eight different categories including:

- a written test,
- layout instruments,
- welding,
- burning,
- knot tying,
- rod tying,
- ornamental, and
- crowd favorite: the 35-foot column climb.

Larry Gilbertson, director of apprenticeship at Local 512, assisted with hosting the event.

Local apprentice earns award

Dozens participated at the October contest

Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 hosted the 2018 BAC/IMI Apprentice Contest Oct. 5-6, 2018. Apprentices displayed their mastery in terrazzo, cement block, brick, tile, marble, stone and PCC/restoration.

After placing in their regional competitions, over 80 apprentices qualified for this year's finals. First, second, and third place awards were provided in each category.

Congratulations to Jesse Stonehouse, an apprentice with Local 1, MN/ND, who earned third place in the regional tile category.



Above: Participants of the 2018 BAC/IMI Apprentice Contest. At right: local apprentice Jesse Stonehouse earned third-place at the event in the regional tile category.



Buhler, Inc. recognizes its 2018 graduates

Buhler, Inc., recognized its graduating apprentices at an event in July 2018.

Each completed the apprenticeship program with a certificate from Buhler as a customer service engineer, a certificate from Dunwoody for completing the program and their journey worker card.

2018 program graduates include:

- Isabel Brady: single machine business applications specialist
- Nathan Sharp: customer service engineer
- Michael Cenin: mechanical engineer/drafter
- Justin Mestler: extrusion technician
- Filipp Pavlyuk: process engineer jr
- Sam Nogosek: process engineer jr

Minneapolis JATC graduates 72



The Minneapolis Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Center recognized its 2018 graduating class at an Oct. 5, 2018, banquet at Radisson Blu Hotel.

There were 72 graduates in the class, with 15 top graduates who were provided awards from Eaton/Bussman, Graybar, Ideal Industries, Klein Tools, Milwaukee Tool, Viking Electric and Werner Electric. Guest speakers included Harrison Cotton, the president of the JATC Student Council and Derek Vigstol, electrical technical lead with the National Fire Protection Association. Vigstol is a graduate and former instructor of the Minneapolis Electrical JATC program.

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