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Studebaker Electric receives Honda award

Studebaker Electric was awarded the 2014 PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTION TRADE SERVICES. Basically out of all the skilled trades contractors that Honda works with in North America Studebaker Electric was picked as the “best of the best”. *Studebaker Electric was the only skilled trades contractor to win an award at the 2014 Suppliers Conference held on June 11, 2014 in Columbus, OH.*

More than 260 suppliers for Honda plants in Ohio and Indiana attended the annual conference for the awards ceremony. Developed to recognize world-class business characteristics, 25 suppliers were honored for

achievements in the categories of Special Recognition, Outstanding



Honda in Anna, Ohio

Value, Performance Excellence and Supplier of the Year.

“The purpose of the awards is to recognize suppliers that bring us value and help Honda to advance our capabilities and deliver a better vehicle to our

customers,” said Monica Oliverio, department manager of North American Indirect

Procurement at Honda North America, Inc. “We want our suppliers to truly grow with us as we continue to expand and advance our operations in North America.”

The Performance Excellence Award

recognizes suppliers for meeting or exceeding performance standards within their categories, including meeting Quality, Cost & Delivery targets and service expectations. It also includes positive feedback on the

supplier’s performance, not causing production line down time and having a good safety record.

Studebaker Electric won for the “installation of a new engine assembly line at the Anna Engine Plant including installation of complicated machinery from six different manufacturers. Studebaker played a crucial role staying on schedule with existing work, monitoring future tasks and helping ensure the equipment manufacturers stayed engaged and on schedule.”

Studebaker was nominated by Honda Associate Tim Larger. This was the largest installation of equipment ever performed by Sanyo of America. They also

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Congratulations Class of 2014

On June 4, the Dayton Ohio Area Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC) held the Class of 2014 graduation banquet. Twenty five apprentices moved up the ranks to Journeymen, twenty one Inside Wiremen and four Teledata Technicians. Nick Comstock, Business Manager for Local 82 stressed that the graduates will, “get out of their career what they put into it.” “Each apprentice has earned a gift, a ticket to your future. You are highly trained and highly skilled. I urge the graduates to get involved and

not leave decisions about your futures up to others. After all, it takes commitment to make things happen,” says Nick. This graduating class was involved in their own education by creating the first Apprentice Council and establishing a Mentoring Program with Journeymen.

There are many career paths for these graduates, 59 to

be exact, from Foreman, Inspector, Contractor, Instructor, to Training Director.

The top graduate for the Inside Wireman program is



Business Manager IBEW Local 82 Nick Comstock (from left), top Inside Wireman Zachary Craig and IBEW Local 82 Membership Development Coordinator Benjamin DeHart.

Zachary Craig who carried a 98.1% grade average for all five years. David Holler came in second with a 97.4% grade average and also won an award for perfect attendance. The top graduate for Teledata is Kyle Armitage with a 92.8% grade average and Steven Wentzel came in second at 88.4%.

Background

The JATC offers the best electrical worker training in the area. For the last seven years, their graduation grade point average of 89%, has been well above the national average. Training is sponsored by the

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Skills USA Ohio

SkillsUSA held its state-wide competition in Columbus on April 15-16, 2014. SkillsUSA is a national organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations, to ensure America has a skilled workforce.

SkillsUSA programs include local, state and national

competitions in which students demonstrate occupational and leadership skills. At the annual national-level SkillsUSA Championships, over 5,000 students compete in 91 occupational and leadership skill areas. SkillsUSA is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and is cited as a "successful model of employer-driven youth development training program" by the U.S. Department of Labor. Nationwide, SkillsUSA has served more than 9.6 million members. In Ohio more than

31,500 students and instructors join annually. Participating students are Juniors and Seniors from technical schools throughout the state and locally include the Greene County Career Center and Miami Valley Career



Membership Development Coordinator IBEW Local 82 Ben DeHart reviews the competition with participants.

Technology Center. Competitions vary from Automotive Refinishing, Aviation Maintenance, Basic Health Care Skills, Carpentry, Community Service, Computer Programming, to Medical Math, and more.

The coordinator for the regional and state-wide Electrical Construction Wiring and Industrial Motor Control competitions was Ben DeHart, Membership Development Coordinator for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 82 in Dayton. Ben has

been involved in SkillsUSA for the last three years. As the coordinator for the Electrical competitions, Ben and Local 82 were responsible for supplying all the materials required in the competition, including wiring, motors, wall materials, drywall, conduit bending equipment, etc.

Participants in Electrical Construction Wiring and Industrial Motor Control follow the same overall requirements: a two hour written exam; mock interviews (complete with submitting their resume); conduit bending; and a four hour hands-on lab.

Students are given a set of drawings and descriptions of how the installations should function. Judges have a list of criteria that must be met, and students are scored accordingly.

Local 82 volunteer judges included: Ben DeHart, Chuck Terry, Mike Evans, Ken Pierson, Brad Travis, Ralph Peyton and Randy Brown with Local 575. "I would like to thank everyone for their participation," says Ben. "It's a challenge to set up everything

in one day and judge two, day-long competitions."

Winners for Electrical Construction Wiring
Gold – John Ruehl, Butler Tech
Silver – Darren Wiley, Scarlet Oaks CDC

Bronze - Matthias Bower, Miami Valley CTC

Winners for the Industrial Motor Control

Gold - Colten Combs, Greene County Career Center
Silver - Chris Cridlebaugh, Warren County Career Center
Bronze - Justin Evans, Diamond Oaks CTC

Colton Combs, who won the Gold in both the Regional and State competitions for



Electrical Construction Wiring competition.

Industrial Motor Controls is a Construction Wireman second year with IBEW Local 82 and works for Kastle Electric. Congratulations!

Nationals take place June 23-27 in Kansas City, Missouri. For more information: www.ohioskillsusa.org.

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installed equipment for Harry Major of Micromatic, and a high speed monorail system for ATW/SEW.

Randy Brown was the Project General Foreman, Jason Zimmer was the Foreman for the Sanyo Equipment Installation, and Marvin Schilling was the Project Manager. The work was

undertaken with craftsmen from Local 32.

Not only did Studebaker Electric bring the project in on time and under budget they were also responsible for solving many design issues associated with linking several manufacturers equipment together. "A heart-felt thank you goes out to every member that was a part of making this

project a success!" says Marvin Schilling.

For 60 years, Studebaker Electric has provided commercial, industrial, and residential electrical services to businesses and individuals in Ohio and the surrounding area. By investing in education, equipment, and safety, Studebaker has been able to adapt and excel in the ever changing electrical market.

Studebaker is dedicated to providing quality service for their customers.



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Building Trades Careers

High school graduates are in a particularly hard situation in today's economy. An often overlooked choice for continuing education is a career in the building trades. Apprenticeship programs consist of a combination of on-the-job training (earning while you learn) and classroom instruction, for which college credit is available.

Every year, the Miami Valley Building Trades Apprenticeship Council hosts a breakfast for area high-school counselors to showcase their programs. This year's event took place on April 30.

Patrick Reardon, Employment Support Administrator with the Ohio State Apprenticeship Council, spoke about the importance of Apprenticeship programs in Ohio. The U.S. Department of Labor recognizes over 1100 Apprentice programs in several industries: advanced manufacturing, hospitality, transportation, aerospace, health care, biotechnical, energy, information technology, and of course, the

building trades.

There are several criteria that must be met in order to be



Counselors attend the annual Apprenticeship Breakfast.

a recognized apprenticeship program. There must be structured, supervised on-the-job training; a minimum of 2000 hours on-the-job training; required related instruction to supplement the training; and wages and benefits are provided in an incremental schedule based on time or competency.

On average, an apprentice will **earn** \$150,000 in four years (the length of most apprenticeship programs). A college graduate **owes** an average of \$30,000 in student loans at the end of four years.

It's plain to see why opting for a career in the building trades is a win-win experience.

Mary Runyon, Project Superintendent with Shook Construction started her career as a carpenter apprentice. When she started in the program, Mary indicated that she was extremely "green" and the only female. But she persevered and fellow Journeymen on the job sites were more than willing to help her learn. Mary

has a successful career and was the Superintendent for Shook on the GE EPISCenter project, responsible for scheduling the work of all the building trades.

A first this year was to ask an apprentice to share his experiences with the audience. Joshua West, a second year apprentice with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 82 indicated that when he was a freshman in high school, he went on a field trip to the Greene County Career Center and that's when

he decided to attend and he graduated with honors. While in school he worked two weeks each month on the job. "They sent me to work with Kastle Electric out at Cargill," says Joshua. "The hands-on experience learning motor controls and conduit bending was invaluable. I worked side by side with Journeymen who were ready to help me and share what they know. I would recommend the apprenticeship program to anyone looking for a career in the building trades."



Mary Runyon, Project Superintendent Shook Construction.

Articulation programs between community colleges and the apprenticeship programs and also four-year university programs, help apprentices transfer credit easily to further their education.

For more information:: www.daytonapprenticeships.org.

Graduation *cont'd.*

Western Ohio Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 82. The state-of-the-art training facility is located in the IBEW Local 82 building on Poe Ave. It's an arduous journey, but well worth it. The fifth year curriculum for an Inside Wireman includes 216 hours of classroom training, 4 Saturday classes, 30-hour OSHA training, State of Ohio Fire Alarm certification, and

Electrical Project Supervisor I Training. Instructors for the electrical Training Center

include Journeymen, Contractors, and Electrical Inspectors. The Training Center offers two programs. The Inside Wireman is a

five-year training program and requires a minimum of 8000 hours of on-the-job training in the electrical construction industry with the supervision

of a journeyman wireman. In addition, 900 hours of classroom instruction are



Class of 2014!

required. Upon completion of the 5-year program, the apprentice graduate has earned 45 free credit hours towards an Associate

Degree. The Teledata Installer Technician program is a three year training program. It

requires a minimum of 4800 hours of on-the-job training and 480 hours of classroom related instruction. Teledata installers work on various systems including LANs, fire alarms, nurse call, HVAC

control, and security systems. For more information about the apprenticeship programs please visit www.daytonohiojtc.org.

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Craftsman Day with the Boy Scouts

Every year, the Miami Valley Council Boy Scouts of America holds a Craftsman's Day, a work day at camp where skilled craftsmen come together to prepare camp for summer.

This year it was held at Woodland Trails Scout Reservation on April 5. Members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 82 were invited to participate.

It was a very long day for the twenty five craftsmen who participated in making the camp ready for summer. The following work was performed by IBEW Local 82 electricians:

- Pool electrical panel and circuit breakers were replaced
- Dining Hall circuits and receptacles installed
- 8 lights at the rifle range were installed
- Camp Staff Shelter completed
- Doc Goodwin's shelter well underway!

A special thanks to Associate Director Western Ohio Chapter NECA Mike Evans for coordinating efforts and to WOCNECA/IBEW Local 82 for supplying materials to make this happen.



*Mike Evans (left) with
Apprentice Ron Farmer at
Woodland Trails.*