

This newsletter provides current information on the unique and growing Construction Technology Careers (CTC) preapprenticeship initiative to its network of partners, advocates and participants in Manatee and Sarasota counties.

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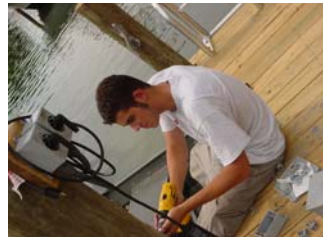
Calendar of Events

- September 2, Executive Committee meeting, 3 p.m., GCBE Offices
- September 9, CTC Council meeting, 7:30 a.m., MTI
- October 7, Executive Committee meeting, 3 p.m., GCBE Offices
- November 4, Executive Committee meeting, 3 p.m., GCBE Offices
- November 12, CTC Council meeting, 7:30 a.m., SCTI
- December 2, Executive Committee meeting, 3 p.m., GCBE Offices

CTC is a preap-prenticeship program in which students learn skills in the classroom and on the worksite.

This summer, preapprentices participated in on-the-job training activities with local employers.

Tony Loria is a resident of Bradenton and the son of William and Laura Loria. He is enjoying his summer as an electrical helper with **Windemuller Technical Services**, doing both residential and commercial jobs. Tony was home schooled and has finished requirements for



Tony Loria drills while working on a boat dock.

high school graduation. Tony likes being part of a team and working with experienced electricians on a wide variety of construction projects.

Corey Rittenhouse is the son of Sally and Brian Rittenhouse of Venice and attends Venice High School. Corey spent this

summer working in the Maintenance Department of **FCCI's** University Parkway facility working with Facilities Supervisor Bruce Ludke and staff. His duties included basic wall refinishing, inventory, and conference room set-ups.



Corey Rittenhouse sands drywall at FCCI.

Lyle Mimbs recently completed his senior year at Palmetto High School. He lives in Parrish.

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About Construction Technology Careers

Construction Technology Careers (CTC) is a unique and growing partnership among the area construction industry, the School Boards of Manatee and Sarasota Counties and

the Suncoast Workforce Board. Initiated in 2001, CTC is specifically designed to increase the number of future skilled workers in the construction trades. This is accom-

plished by introducing Manatee and Sarasota county high school juniors and seniors to construction careers through a preapprenticeship partnership program.

CTC Student Achievers



Lyle Mimbs works on an electrical panel.

Lyle spent this summer working in various Lerner Home developments, as an employee of **Goodson Electric Inc.** Lyle was an electrical helper installing electrical

systems in new homes. He enjoys the learning process and hopes to become a certified journeyman.

Phillip Carter III has been employed this summer as an electrician's helper with **Goodson Electric**. Phillip is a resident of Bradenton and is the son of Rhonda and Thomas Williard. He attended Lakewood Ranch High School.

Randy Pitts is the son of Linda Pitts and resides in Bradenton. He is a graduate of Manatee High School and is working this summer at the Riv-

erside Plaza development as a plumbing assistant for **Mechanical Inc.** Randy enjoys hanging pipe in new developments and hopes to have a bright future in the plumbing trade. Randy is taking classes at Manatee Technical Institute also.

James "Hollywood" Henry took a lot of grief from his fellow crewmembers when CTC staff

showed up on their work site to take his photo for this newsletter. They even had James wear his dark safety glasses! James is a graduate of Bayshore High School and is enjoying his summer employment with **Aladdin Ward Electric**, at the site of the Ritz' new Beachhouse development on Lido Key.

Jonathan Stephens is a re-



James Henry works for Aladdin Ward Electric

cent trans-plant from Georgia who is finishing his high school requirements, while working full-time. He

is the son of Debra Delao and lives in Sarasota. **Windemuller Technical Services** has Jon doing a wide variety of tasks this summer. His least favorite task is digging and his favorite is traveling to different work sites for varying projects. Jon has a desire to enter an electric apprenticeship.



Jonathan Stephens wants to be an electric apprentice.

Thanks, School Board Members

Many thanks to the elected school board members of Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Both school boards make significant annual financial investments in CTC. Without their support, CTC would not be possible.

Thank you, members of the School Board of Manatee County: **Barbara Harvey, Harry Kinnan, Larry Simmons, Frank Brunner, and Walter Miller.**

Construction technology courses are held at Manatee Technical Institute.

Thank you, members of the School Board of Sarasota County: **Frank Kovach, John Lewis, Laura Benson, Kathy Kleinlein and Carol Todd.**

Construction technology courses are held at Sarasota County Technical Institute.

We're building the future workforce, and it takes commitment, energy and financial resources.

CTC Welcomes New Coordinator

Kristey N. Richardson began duties as the new CTC Coordinator in July. Richardson's responsibilities include coordination and promotion of CTC to meet the goals, objectives and standards of the partner organizations and investors.

Richardson will spend a great deal of her time during September visiting the local schools meeting students and educators.

In July, she visited job sites where CTC students were participating in on-the-job

training (OJT) activities.

"I was very impressed with the enthusiasm of the students on the job sites," said Richardson, "I look forward to getting to know the students, the industry professionals and the educators."

Richardson is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and has more than 20 years experience in program management, marketing, fundraising and organizational development.



Kristey Richardson, CTC Coordinator, works for you

Students Indentured as Preapprentices

Congratulations to these outstanding preapprentices who have demonstrated an interest and aptitude for construction trades during high school in hopes of being future skilled apprentices and valued contributing members of the Suncoast workforce.

2002-2003 Preapprentices

Abner, Johnny
 Bauer, Bruce
 Belgrave, Lydia
 Bethel Jr., Ivan
 Boyette II, David
 Brinson, Tavaras
 Brooks, Julius
 Cannon, Christie
 Carter III, Phillip
 Castillo, Jose'
 Cherry, Dwight
 Colon, Frank
 Duley, Thaddieus
 Gamble, Zachary
 Gamolin, Maksim
 Garwood, Zachary
 Glenn, Michael
 Gonzalez, Leon
 Grek, Mitchel
 Henry, James
 King, Anthony William
 Kit Jr., Reginald
 Klages, Jim
 Lewis, Robert
 Loria, Anthony William
 Luse, Kevin
 Matthews, Jason

McCain, Angela
 McGee, Larry
 McLaughlin, Cory
 Meakins, Steven
 Miller, Jacob
 Mimbs, Lyle
 Mitchell, Kendall
 Murphy, Dustin
 Osborne, Ryan
 Pitts, Randy
 Powell, Marcus
 Price, Jeramie
 Revels, Levi
 Rittenhouse, Corey
 Rubin, Anthony J.
 Smith, Sylvester
 Stephens, Jonathan
 Vericella, Eric
 Weaver, Tyler Scott
 Wharton, Chris
 Wittmer, Joe

CTC Eligibility Requirements

CTC youth preapprentices must be a minimum of 16 years old and have completed the 10th grade. They must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0. Application may take place anytime after the youth enters their 2nd semester of their sophomore year of high school.

To enter the program, students must have a good record of school attendance and be on-track to graduate. CTC is an excellent vehicle for

construction technology career exploration.

As a part of the CTC curriculum, students also gain employability skills, occupational safety training, first aid and CPR techniques, and more.

Upon request, a student can have access to a CTC mentor, a tradesperson who is trained to counsel aspiring youth in real life skills and trade trends. Preapprentices must have transportation to and from the job site, when they enter the on-the-job (OJT) segment of the CTC program.

Information is available from the CTC Coordinator. Kristey Richardson can be reached at 361-6090 ext. 113.



CTC Education Systems Subcommittee: (L to R): Rod Thomas, Kristey Richardson, Doug Garcia, Kelli Kennedy, Mickey Anderson, Carol Darling and Dennis Neal.

CTC Partners with NCCER

CTC partners with the National Center for Construction Education and Research, a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) education foundation. NCCER develops and publishes standardized construction, maintenance and pipeline curricula, safety programs, management educa-

tion, industry image materials and craft skills assessments.

CTC uses this curricula, covering the trade areas of carpentry, electrical, HVAC, masonry and plumbing. NCCER is affiliated with the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida.

Special Thanks

Thanks to CTC membership volunteer **Blythe McDonough** of Wyman Plumbing.

McDonough chaired the summer membership drive, generating more than \$17,700 in receipts and thousands more in verbal pledges.

Thanks also to Wyman Plumbing office staff who helped update CTC marketing materials.

It's a team effort.



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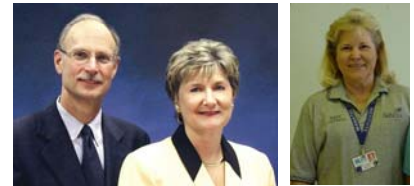
**Building Our Future
Workforce!**

CTC Executive Committee

- CTC Chair: **Mark Kennell**, W.G. Mills Inc.
- CTC Vice Chair: **Jay Brady**, Gulf Coast Builders Exchange
- **Mickey Anderson**, Cortez Heating and Air Conditioning
- **Mark Goodson**, Goodson Electric, Inc.
- **Blythe McDonough**, Wyman Plumbing Inc.
- **Dennis Neal**, Advanced Masonry Systems

The CTC Executive Committee meets monthly to monitor progress. The CTC Council meets every other month. CTC Council involvement is open to all CTC Members. Meetings are open to the public. CTC members who wish to attend council meetings should contact Kristey Richardson at 361-6090 ext. 113 to receive meeting notices.

Many Thanks!



Many thanks to Bruce E. Andersen, Director of SCTI, Dr. Carol Darling, Assistant Director, SCTI and Dr. Mary Cantrell, Director of MTI for all their help with CTC!

Thanks, CTC Members!

We couldn't do it without you!

The following businesses have made recent financial investments in CTC.

- Advanced Masonry Systems
- Aladdin Ward Electric & Air, Inc.
- All American Heating & Cooling, Inc.
- Aqua Plumbing
- Arrow Plumbing
- ASAP Enterprises
- Beachem Brothers Electric, Inc.
- Bob Rizi Plumbing
- Breathe Easy Air Conditioning
- Bruce Williams Homes
- Carpenter Contractors of America
- Climatic Conditioning Company
- Custom Air, Inc.
- Danny Via Plumbing
- Dooley and Mack Constructors, Inc.
- Electrical Council of Florida
- Forristall Enterprises
- Goodson Electric, Inc.
- Grand Air
- Gulf Coast Builders Exchange (spring event sponsor)
- Halfacre Construction Company
- Kennell Plumbing Inc.
- LaGasse Plumbing Inc.
- Manasota Air Conditioning Contractors Assn. (golf scramble proceeds)
- Masonry Contractors Association of Florida
- Mike Carter Construction, Inc.
- NCN Electric, Inc.
- Palmetto Plumbing, Inc.
- Plumbing Express, Inc.
- PDF Roofing Concepts, Inc.
- Quality Walls Enterprises, Inc.
- Randy Mask Quality Plumbing
- Royal Air Conditioning
- Rusty Plumbing, Inc.
- School Board of Manatee County, Manatee Technical Institute
- School Board of Sarasota County, Sarasota County Technical Institute
- Southern Supply Company
- Suncoast Workforce Board, Inc.
- Sutter Roofing
- Tradeway, Inc.
- Tri Tech Construction & Design
- Unique Air & Plumbing
- W.G. Mills, Inc.
- Windemuller Technical Services, Wm. F. McDonough Plumbing
- Wyman Plumbing, Inc.

If you want to show your commitment to "building our future workforce" through this unique and growing preapprenticeship program, please call CTC Membership Chairperson Blythe McDonough of Wyman Plumbing at 755-1595 for investment information.