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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.

Calendar of Events

- September 7, CTC Executive Committee meeting, 3 p.m., GCBE Office
- September 15, CTC Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., Jobs ETC in Sarasota
- October 5, CTC Executive Committee meeting, 3 p.m., GCBE Office
- November 2, CTC Executive Committee meeting, 3 p.m., GCBE Office
- November 10, CTC Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., Jobs ETC in Sarasota

Mark Your Calendar

Preapprentices Build Their Future

CTC is a unique and growing preapprenticeship program in which students learn in the classroom and on the worksite. Again this summer, preapprentices participated in on-the-job-training activities with CTC member employers.

Thomas Clancey spent the summer as a carpenter's helper with **Carpenter Contractors of America** working at Heritage Harbor. Thomas was in CTC's pilot feeder course at Southeast High School in Bradenton taught last spring by Ray Weiland.



Thomas Clancey

Brian Parsley enjoyed the summer as a plumber's helper with **Wyman Plumbing** working residential jobs. Brian was also in Mr. Weiland's Southeast High class.



Brian Parsley

Jeremy Cray worked with **Advanced Masonry Systems** on a huge project in downtown Sarasota this summer. Jeremy took CTC coursework at Sarasota County Technical Institute last year, while enrolled at River-view High School.



Jeremy Cray

as did **Lee Geisler**. Both were students at SCTI last year, while finishing high school.



Joseph Wittmer



Lee Geisler

Reginald Kit completed two years of CTC coursework at Manatee Technical Institute and continued with **Pritchard Plumbing**, where he worked part-time during school.



Reginald Kit

Help us Recruit Preapprentices!

We're always looking to recruit youths into the CTC experience!

Eligibility Requirements
Youth 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, a good record of high school atten-

dance and be on-track to graduate high school. Application may take place anytime after the youth enters the 2nd semester of their sophomore year.

More information is available by calling 361-6090 x 113 or logging onto www.ConstructionTechnologyCareers.org.

Joseph Wittmer learned the trade of heating and air conditioning at **Custom Air** this summer,

Congrats on a Great Summer Preapprenticeship!



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**Building Our Future
Workforce**

Welcome

The CTC Executive Committee has welcomed two new education representatives, one from each county. Joining the committee are **Arnall Cox** and **Sue Downs**.

Arnall is the new Sarasota County School District Career/Vocational Programs Specialist. She previously worked at Venice High School.

Sue is the new Assistant Director for Manatee Technical Institute. She previously directed a technical institute/career center in Michigan City, Indiana.

Thanks Home Depot!

CTC takes teamwork and continued financial support. **The Home Depot Foundation** recently awarded CTC a one-time grant of **\$25,000**.

Special thanks to Home Depot for its vote of confidence.

Congratulations Blythe McDonough!

• **Blythe McDonough** of **Wyman Plumbing** was recognized at the May 11 CTC Completer's Ceremony with the first-ever **CTC Volunteer of the Year Award**. Blythe has been a huge advocate for youth and preapprenticeship since CTC began three years ago.



CTC Volunteer of the Year Blythe McDonough with CTC Chairman Mark Kennell

Thanks New Members!

Membership Chair **Blythe McDonough** of Wyman Plumbing recently recruited two new CTC members. CTC welcomes **Gorman Company** of Sarasota and **LaPensee Plumbing** of Holmes Beach.

Our annual fundraising campaign is underway and existing construction industry members will

be receiving renewal requests for continued donations.

Thanks to everyone who financially supports our unique and growing preapprenticeship effort ... together we're building our future workforce!

Congratulations Completers!

Five preapprentices were honored on May 11, at a special ceremony attended by more than 70 people at Jobs ETC in Sarasota. Each successfully completed two years of CTC coursework.



*2004 CTC Completers
Jeramie Price, Chad Peterman,
Reginald Kit, Corey Rittenhouse
and Joseph Wittmer*

Calling All Mentors!

CTC needs mentors to visit CTC preapprentices at the technical institutes and high schools. Mentoring is an important component of the CTC program, because it gives real life relevance to preapprentices, who are perhaps struggling with career planning.

**Mentoring
is
Important**

Your involvement as a volunteer mentor will make a difference. It's easy to be a mentor and takes as few as 2 hours a month. Call 361-6090 x 113 for more information.



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