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2004 CTC Completers Ceremony

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.

## CTC Conducts First-Ever Completers Ceremony

Five area youths were honored on Tuesday, May 11 for their completion of a Construction Technology Careers Preapprenticeship.

Certificates of completion were awarded to **Reginald Kit, Chad Peterman, Jeramie Price, Corey Rittenhouse** and **Joseph Wittmer**.

Over 65 representatives from government, education and the construction industry were present for the ceremony. **James Schulz** from Sarasota County Government presented CTC a proclamation, as did **Jamie VanVoorhis** of the National Center for Construction Education and Research. Youths from Riverview High School sang patriotic hymns.

**John Lewis** of the Sarasota County School Board presented certificates to Peterman, Rittenhouse and Wittmer. **Doug Wagner** and **Deborah Riley** presented certificates to Kit and Price. These five youths completed 900 hours of construction coursework over two school years, including OSHA, CPR and First aid safety training.

**Blythe McDonough** of Wyman Plumbing was presented with the first-ever CTC Volunteer of the Year Award on behalf of her peers, the CTC Council and Suncoast Workforce Board.

Special recognition was provided in the event program acknowledging the financial contributions of the Manatee and Sarasota School Districts, seven construction trade associations, and over three dozen construction companies, which make this unique and growing CTC preapprenticeship career exploration workforce development initiative possible.

Lowe's was also thanked for its recent \$10,000 grant to CTC.

Thirty-four (34) preapprentices participated in CTC coursework this school year at Manatee Technical Institute, Sarasota County Technical Institute and Southeast High School.

CTC preapprentices are now being interviewed by CTC members for summer OJT work experiences.



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



Let 'em eat cake! Every celebration needs a cake.



CTC Completer Reginald Kit with representatives of Pritchard Plumbing, his employer



SCTI Instructor Tim McGee with CTC Completer Chad Peterman, his parents and Dr. Carol Darling



Florida Senator Mike Bennett, Suncoast Workforce Board Executive Director Mary Helen Kress and MTI Instructor Bill Icely with CTC Completer Jeramie Price



SCTI Instructor Tim McGee with CTC Completer Corey Rittenhouse, his mother and Dr. Carol Darling



SCTI Instructor Tim McGee and Dr. Carol Darling with CTC Completer Joseph Wittmer and his parents



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



Senator Mike Bennett offers words of encouragement during the CTC Completers Ceremony.



More than 65 community and construction industry leaders attended the ceremony to help CTC celebrate the accomplishments of five preapprentices.



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**We appreciate everyone's continued support.**

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growing preapprenticeship initiative!**

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*CTC Representatives (L to R) **Dennis Neal**, **Kristey Richardson** meet with Florida Department of Education Apprenticeship Coordinator **Debra Rackley** and **Deborah Riley** of Manatee Technical Institute*



*The Sarasota County Technical Institute CTC Class is building a small house, with leadership from Instructor **Tim McGee** (far right)*



*Wyman Plumbing President and CTC 2004 Volunteer of the Year **Blythe McDonough** interviews Preapprentice **Kim McKellar***



*CTC Preapprentice **Glenn Norris** interviews with Custom Air*



*Carpenter Contractors of America Representative **David Scott** interviews Preapprentice **Thomas Clancey***



*The Southeast High School CTC class learned employability skills in the Mobile Career Opportunity Center in May 2004*