



**Winter 2004**

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**

- Jan. 6, CTC Exec. Committee Meeting, 3 p.m., GCBE Office
- Jan. 6, CTC Mentors Training, 4:30 p.m., GCBE Office
- Jan. 13, CTC Council Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Jobs ETC Sarasota
- Feb. 3, CTC Exec. Committee Meeting, 3 p.m., GCBE Office
- March 2, CTC Exec. Committee Meeting, 3 p.m., GCBE Office
- March 9, CTC Council Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Jobs ETC Sarasota
- March 18, Gulf Coast Builders Exchange Networking Event & CTC Fundraiser, 6 p.m., Sarasota Classic Car Museum
- April 6, CTC Exec. Committee Meeting, 3 p.m., GCBE Office

**Mark Your Calendar**

**CTC Preapprentices Build Their Resumes**

**James Henry** completed a summer CTC on-the-job training (OJT) work experience last summer working for Aladdin Ward Electric and Air, Inc. That summer, he worked primarily on the Ritz Carlton Beach Residences project on Lido Key.

James is a graduate of Bayshore High School. He completed his CTC coursework at MTI. His favorite instructors were Ms. Herbst



*James Henry at an estimating table at Aladdin Ward*

and Mr. Icely.

Currently James is in training in the estimating department at Aladdin

Ward. He hopes to eventually become an estimator.

James is the son of Nancy Henry. He has two younger brothers, Sean and Michael. In his free time, James enjoys sports, watching auto racing, fishing & boating and just "hanging out" with friends. He is also involved in Shaolin Kempo Karate.

Good luck James!

**Meet Two Continuing CTC Preapprentices**

Joseph Wittmer is a continuing CTC preapprentice.

He is a senior at Sarasota High School and attends CTC courses at SCTI. He is the son of William and Debbie Wittmer. Joe's special interests are carpentry and roofing, which is his father's profession. Joe completed supplemental certification requirements for CPR, First Aid and OSHA in 2002. He also works part-time in the maintenance department of the Fox Fire Golf Club.

Reginald Kit is also a continuing CTC preapprentice.

He is a senior at Manatee High School and attends

CTC courses at MTI. His career area of interest is plumbing and his favorite teacher is John Kenney. Reggie also enjoys drawing and building home models. He would like to someday own his

own business. He has volunteered at Blake Medical Center and Freedom Village. He has a younger sister and a younger brother.



*CTC Preapprentice Joseph Wittmer*



*CTC Preapprentice Reggie Kit*

**Proud Parent**

Kristey Richardson, CTC Coordinator, received this message from a proud CTC parent. Rhonda Williard writes: *"My son Phillip Carter completed a year of CTC and anxiously looks forward to beginning his electrical apprenticeship. Thanks for helping him get off on the right foot – CTC is a great preapprenticeship program. I'd recommend it to all high school students interested in construction!"*

Phillip Carter was hired by Godson Electric after completing a CTC work experience last summer.

Employers that are interested in hiring CTC preapprentices for Summer 2004 should contact CTC at 361-6090 ext. 113 or by email at [ctcinfo@swdb.org](mailto:ctcinfo@swdb.org) before March 1<sup>st</sup>.



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Building Our Future Workforce

### CTC Executive Committee



(L to R) Front Row: **Mickey Anderson**, Cortez Heating and Air Conditioning; CTC Chair **Mark Kennell**, W.G. Mills, Inc.; **Blythe McDonough**, Wyman Plumbing Inc.; (Back Row): CTC Vice Chair **Jay Brady**, Gulf Coast Builders Exchange; **Dennis Neal**, Advanced Masonry Systems and **Mark Goodson**, Goodson Electric, Inc.

### Thanks, Community Partners!

The CTC Initiative is truly a unique and growing public/private partnership – the only one of it's kind in Florida. CTC is supported by all the partners including member companies.

space, equipment, clerical assistance, marketing assistance and much more.

Since September 2003, both Manatee and Sarasota school boards have made annual contributions to the preapprenticeship program, each for the third consecutive year.

We couldn't do it without the team effort!



Members of the Manatee School Board

In July the Suncoast Workforce Board donated \$5,000 to CTC, in addition to the on-going in-kind services provided including office



Members of the Sarasota School Board

## Industry Support for CTC is Building

- Ten companies have joined or renewed CTC membership in the last few months. They are:
- Cortez Heating and Air Conditioning
- the Electrical Council of FL, Manasota Chapter
- Lee Wetherington Homes
- the Masonry Contractors Association of FL, Tampa Bay Chapter
- Neal Communities of South-west FL, Inc.
- PDF Roofing Concepts, Inc.
- Plumbing Express, Inc.
- Pruet Builders, Inc.
- Royal Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc.
- Terry's Plumbing Service Inc.

Visit the CTC website for a complete list of CTC member companies and organizations.

Special thanks to CTC Executive Committee member Blythe McDonough of Wyman Plumbing for her efforts in fundraising.

It's takes a team effort! Thanks everyone!

## Be A Mentor — Be A Friend

CTC needs mentors to visit pre-apprentices at their technical institutes and encourage them to pursue a career in the trades.

Mentoring is an important component of the CTC program, because it gives real life relevance to the preapprentice, who might be struggling with thoughts of what they want to do after high school.

An informational ses-

Become a CTC Mentor and make a difference.

sion will be held on Tuesday, January 6 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the office of the Gulf Coast Builders Exchange (1487 Second Street, Suite B in

Sarasota). All interested construction trades people are encouraged to attend.

RSVP to the CTC office by January 5, phone 361-6090 ext. 113. It's easy to be a mentor.

## Mark Your Calendar

Mark your calendar and plan to attend a fundraiser for CTC on Thursday, March 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sarasota Classic Car Museum.

This festive and fun networking event will include food, a raffle and silent auction, entertainment, car museum tours and much, much more.

Everyone who is involved in the construction trades, education, workforce development, apprenticeship and

preapprenticeship, economic development, and/or youth career counseling is invited.

Watch for more details.

The event is being organized by the Gulf Coast Builders Exchange and nine area construction trade associations.

