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CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY CAREERS PROGRAM TO HONOR PREAPPRENTICES

Eight Students Complete the 900-Hour Training Program

(Manatee and Sarasota counties) – Eight area youths will be honored on Wednesday, May 11 at 3:30 p.m. at Jobs ETC, 3660 N. Washington Boulevard in Sarasota for their completion of the Construction Technology Careers (CTC) preapprenticeship.

Certificates of Completion will be awarded to Ross Campbell, Paul Ciucci, Thomas Clancey, Jeremy Cray, Arturo Guerrero, Aron Hutchins, Kevin Luse and Nicholas McKee. These eight students have successfully completed the CTC curriculum. More than 90 representatives from the construction industry and education are expected to attend. Five students completed the program last year in the first-ever Completer's Ceremony.

High school juniors and seniors may participate in CTC. Students receive a career exploration curriculum with 900 hours of construction industry coursework developed by the National Association of Construction Education and Research (NCCER), and certified by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Apprenticeship Office. CTC also teaches specialized safety training in OSHA, First Aid/CPR and employability soft skills training. Students are provided an opportunity for summer on-the-job (OJT) work experience with a CTC employer.

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Ross Campbell is a senior at Manatee High School and has taken CTC coursework while dual-enrolled at Manatee Technical Institute in David Sell's Carpentry class. He has successfully completed OSHA, CPR and First Aid training. Campbell is a hard worker and has worked at the Bradenton Yacht Club. He is the son of Robert and Heather Campbell. Ross enjoys working with his hands and being part of a team/crew.

Paul Ciucci is a student at Bayshore High School and has taken CTC coursework while dual-enrolled at Manatee Technical Institute in John Kenney's Plumbing class. He has successfully completed OSHA, CPR and First Aid training. Paul enjoys his plumbing training and has also worked as a pet groomer. He is the son of Paul and Rhonda Ciucci. Ciucci enjoys construction processes and is exploring careers in various construction trades.

Thomas Clancey is a student at Southeast High School and completed Ray Weiland's first CTC NCCER Core curriculum course in spring 2004. This semester Clancey was dual-enrolled at Manatee Technical Institute in David Sell's Carpentry class where he also helped build a Habitat for Humanity home. Clancey participated in CTC on-the-job training during the summer of 2004, employed by Carpenter Contractors of America, as a framer in the Heritage Harbour sub-division. Clancey has a 3.1 grade point average. He is on the school weight lifting team and is the son of Greg and Clancey Librandi.

Jeremy Cray completed CTC coursework while dual-enrolled at Sarasota County Technical Institute while enrolled at Riverview High School. Cray is the son of Lolitta Frazier who works at Booker High School. Cray is interested in all phases of construction and successfully certified in OSHA, First Aid and CPR. He completed an eight-week on-the-job training experience last summer with Advanced Masonry Systems. He hopes to obtain construction employment this summer also.

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Arturo Guerrero is taking Carpentry coursework at Manatee Technical Institute while attending Palmetto High School. Guerrero enjoys carpentry and was part of the entrepreneurial SHED project at Palmetto High School last year under the leadership of Instructor Bud Elkin. Guerrero is the son of Maria Cervantes. He successfully completed OSHA, First Aid and CPR training. Guerrero looks forward to starting a construction career this summer.

Aron Hutchins comes by his trades abilities naturally; his father Joe is a carpenter. Hutchins is the son of Joe and Brenda Hutchins and has been home schooled. He has also taken coursework at both Manatee Technical Institute and Manatee Community College. Hutchins has held several construction jobs, both paid and volunteer. He is certified in OSHA, First Aid and CPR and is an exceptional student with dedication and drive. Hutchins also participates in Skills USA and holds a part-time job. He has already secured summer employment in the construction trades.

Kevin Patrick Luse is a Plumbing student in John Kenney's class at Manatee Technical Institute. He also attended Community High School. Luse is the son of Michael and Sandy Luse. He has excelled in his plumbing coursework at MTI over the past two years and successfully completed safety training in OSHA, First Aid and CPR. Luse is exploring job opportunities in several different construction trades. He has worked part-time in food service during high school but prefers construction and the career ladder it offers.

Nicholas McKee is taking plumbing coursework at Manatee Technical Institute while dual-enrolled at Palmetto High School. He likes the hands-on experience construction offers as a career option. He likes teamwork and building things. He has successfully completed OSHA, First Aid and CPR. McKee is the son of Tom McKee. John Kenney, his Plumbing instructor, says Nicholas has great enthusiasm for the trade of plumbing and can do almost anything he works toward.

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CTC Completers Ceremony

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“CTC is very proud that these eight young people have completed this extensive training program,” said Mark Kennell, CTC Chairperson and Senior Vice President at W.G. Mills, “These young men now have an opportunity to work with an area company, enter into a formal apprenticeship program or pursue an advanced degree. Their future is very bright.”

CTC is a unique and growing nationally recognized, award-winning partnership among the area construction industry and trade associations, the Manatee and Sarasota School Districts and the Suncoast Workforce Board. The CTC initiative was developed four years ago in response to a dramatic and increasing skilled workforce shortage in the region's construction trades including plumbing, electrical, masonry, HVAC and carpentry. Visit www.ConstructionTechnologyCareers.org or call 361-6090 x113 for information.

The Home Depot Foundation is very proud to support the Construction Technology Careers (CTC) initiative. The Completer's Ceremony is sponsored by the Suncoast Workforce Board and The Paver Family Foundation.

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