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CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY CAREERS PROGRAM TO HONOR PREAPPRENTICES

Five Students Complete the Training Program

(Manatee and Sarasota counties) -- Five area youths will be honored on Tuesday, 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 Reginald Kit, Chad Peterman, Jeramie Price, Corey Rittenhouse and Joseph Wittmer, who have successfully completed the CTC curriculum. More than 45 representatives from the construction industry and education are expected to attend.

High school juniors and seniors may participate in CTC. Students receive a career exploration curriculum with 900 hours of construction industry coursework developed by 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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CTC Completers Ceremony

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Reginald Kit attends Manatee Technical Institute (MTI) and is employed part-time at Pritchard Plumbing. Kit aspires to be a plumber and welder.

Chad Peterman attends Sarasota County Technical Institute (SCTI) and Potter's Wheel Academy. He looks forward to summer OJT with a contractor using his carpentry skills.

Jeramie Price attends MTI and Lakewood Ranch High School. He hopes to be an electrician. Instructor Bill Icely is Price's instructor/mentor at MTI.

Corey Rittenhouse attends SCTI and Venice High School. He completed an OJT work experience last summer at FCCI's University Parkway maintenance department. He looks forward to a summer job as a carpenter's helper.

Joseph Wittmer attends SCTI and Sarasota High School. He currently works part-time at Fox Fire Golf Club. He is interested in the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) trade or carpentry.

"CTC is very proud that these five 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 a college degree. Their future is very bright."

CTC is a unique and growing partnership among the area construction industry, the Manatee and Sarasota school districts and the Suncoast Workforce Board. The CTC initiative was developed three 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.

Lowe's is very proud to support the Construction Technology Careers (CTC) initiative through a grant of its Charitable and Education Foundation.



Reginald Kitt



Chad Peterman



Jeramie Price



Correy Rittenhouse



Joseph Wittmer

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