



Kaukauna High School Honored by UA 400 Pipe Trades, Mechanical Contractors Association and Miller Electric for Excellence in Technical Education

Kaukauna, WI (March 27, 2019) — Kaukauna High School was recognized by UA 400 Pipe Trades, the Mechanical Contractors Association (MCA) and Miller Electric on March 21, 2019 for its commitment to technical education and support of the UA 400 Youth Apprenticeship program. The Excellence in Technical Education Award highlights the opportunity for high school students in Northeast Wisconsin to enhance their technical skills through involvement in the UA 400 Youth Apprenticeship program. There are plans to honor four more high schools in 2019 with each school receiving a Miller Wire Feed Welder courtesy of Miller Electric.

“UA 400 Pipe Trades has had a long-standing relationship with Kaukauna High School,” said Jeff Knaus, business manager-financial secretary/treasurer of UA 400. “We are partners within the community in every sense. The commitment that KHS has made to provide meaningful career opportunities for their students outside of college education is immeasurable. They match up very well with what we are trying to accomplish and deserve this recognition.”

Kaukauna High School was selected based on their effective approaches to stimulating student learning with more classes, offering challenging work-based learning experiences, and increasing student postsecondary and career prospects. Kaukauna High School also served as the first high school when UA 400 launched its youth apprentice program.

“Craig Sackmann our welding instructor and I see the results of our partnership with each student who we place at a Local 400 company in our area,” said Nels Lawrence, youth apprenticeship/co-op coordinator at Kaukauna High School. “Our youth apprentices are making the career choice to complete a full apprenticeship because they see the opportunities here at school, on the job and at the training center.”

The UA 400 Youth Apprenticeship is a program designed to allow students entering or currently in their senior year of high school to get an early start on a career path in the pipe trades. The



program provides classroom and on-the-job training in pipefitting, plumbing, pipe fabrication and HVAC/R service.

Students complete a 15-month Youth Apprenticeship training program that introduces them to the core skills necessary to be productive and succeed in the workplace and offers the opportunity for hands-on learning from UA certified instructors. Contractors also gain insight into the quality and reliability of students in the program, making this a low-risk highly attractive method for recruitment and employment.

For information on youth apprenticeships through UA 400 Pipe Trades, contact DJ Kloida, youth apprenticeship coordinator at 920.462.0412 or djkloida@ua400.org.

About UA 400 Pipe Trades

The UA 400 Pipe Trades, headquartered in Kaukauna, Wisconsin with an office in Fond du Lac, is comprised of approximately 2300 members serving eighteen counties in Northeast Wisconsin. The organization is affiliated with the United Association of Plumber and Pipefitters with an estimated 345,000 membership throughout the United States and Canada. The group's mission is to be the preferred choice for industries, employers and workers specializing in plumbing, pipefitting, HVACR service and pipe fabrication as well as training for its members and qualified manpower to their 105 signatory contractors. The group's membership serves eighteen counties in Northeast Wisconsin including Adams, Brown, Calumet, Dodge, Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menomonee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Sheboygan, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago. The UA 400 takes pride in their partnerships and contributions to serve local communities with organizations such as Cerebral Palsy Telethon, Special Olympics, Rebuilding Together, Heat's On Program, Harbor House and Salvation Army. To keep up with the latest news and to learn more about UA 400, visit <http://www.ua400.org> follow us on Facebook and YouTube.

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