



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

Kaukauna, WI (February 12, 2019) — Fox Valley Lutheran High School was recognized by UA 400 Pipe Trades, the Mechanical Contractors Association (MCA) and Miller Electric on February 11, 2019 for its commitment to technical education and support of the UA 400 Youth Apprenticeship program. The first-ever 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 five more high schools in 2019 with each school receiving a Miller Wire Feed Welder courtesy of Miller Electric.

“I want to congratulate Mark Krause and his students at Fox Valley Lutheran on being selected as our first recipient of this award,” said Jeff Knaus, business manager/financial secretary-treasurer of UA 400. “Out of 90 high schools in Northeast Wisconsin, FVL is one of the leaders in providing skills that can be applied within the UA 400/MCA career opportunities. We could not have done this without the support of Jim Byrne and Miller Electric. The Mechanical Contractors, UA 400 and Miller all see the potential in these students.”

Fox Valley Lutheran 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.

“The great relationship we have with UA 400 has benefited our students in a variety of ways. UA 400 provides future students with the knowledge that the careers are in demand and available to them,” said Mark Krause, technical arts instructor at Fox Valley Lutheran. “Current students benefit from opportunities like the youth apprenticeship program. Graduating students have left FVL and started great careers right out of high school without any further expensive education.”



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.

“The Mechanical Contractors Association applauds Fox Valley Lutheran High School for being a leader in their Technology Education Program,” said Jeff Gaecke, executive vice president of Organization Management Services for MCA of Wisconsin. “It’s great to see that Fox Valley Lutheran embraces the trades and Youth Apprenticeship Programs.”

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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