



## **UA 400 Pipe Trades and the Mechanical Contractors Association Hold Apprentice Signing Day 2020**

**Kaukauna, WI (September 18,2020)** — UA 400 Pipe Trades and the Mechanical Contractors Association (MCA) held their Apprentice Signing Day 2020 on September 18, 2020 with a short program and signing ceremony at the UA 400 Training Center in Kaukauna. A total of 23 first year apprentices officially began their five-year paid apprenticeships in pipefitting, steamfitting, fabrication, plumbing and HVAC/R service.

"The significance of today's event is to recognize these young men and women for their commitment to UA 400 and their MCA employers. Today, also represents UA 400 & the MCA 's commitment to our local communities to provide highly-skilled and highly-compensated careers, which will afford these new apprentices the ability to become contributing members of the communities they live in," said Trevor Martin, UA 400 business manager. "The apprenticeship programs, jointly managed by UA 400 and the MCA, offer many benefits including a high-quality health care plan and a fully funded pension."

UA 400 signatory contractors, representing the MCA, who are employing the new apprentices include August Winter & Sons, Azco, Bassett Mechanical, B & P Mechanical, CR Meyer, Energy Control & Design, Hurckman Mechanical Industries, Jamar Company and Tweet-Garot Mechanical.

Speakers who addressed the apprentices during the program included Congressman for the 8<sup>th</sup> District of Wisconsin Mike Gallagher, Mayor of Kaukauna Tony Penterman , UA 400 Business Manager Trevor Martin and Vice President of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Wisconsin Jeff Gaecke.

"Apprenticeships play a critical role in ensuring Wisconsin has the best workforce in the world. Today's ceremony is a testament to the great work UA Local 400 has done to prepare the next generation of highly-skilled Wisconsin workers. I'm proud to represent them in Congress, I look forward to continue supporting these and other efforts to promote workforce development and job skills training," said Congressman Gallagher.

Currently, there is a total of 340 UA 400 apprentices working towards their apprenticeship. The five-year apprenticeship programs provide classroom instruction from UA Certified Instructors and on-the-job training alongside experienced UA journeyworkers and apprentices. Once an apprentice has completed his/her apprenticeship and becomes a journeyworker, the education and training doesn't stop. Continuing education opportunities are available to all UA members through specialized training and certification programs.



“This event highlights the perseverance of our collective industry, which has continued to thrive even during this Pandemic, and we want to continue to put an extreme emphasis on growth, education and training,” said Jeff Gaecke, vice president of Mechanical Contractors Association of Wisconsin. “We want to continue to highlight the accomplishments of these young individuals, and congratulate them on things to come, at the same time recognizing our contractors for their continued investment in the industry.”

For more information on training and apprenticeship opportunities at UA 400 Pipe Trades, contact Scott Wenger, Training Coordinator at [scott@ua400.org](mailto:scott@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 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 Project, 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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