



**Photo Caption L to R:** Three UA Local 400 apprentices competed in the Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association Apprentice Competition on May 4-5, 2022, including Connor Robedeaux, a fifth-year fabricator apprentice with Team Industries; Jarod Maes, a fifth-year steamfitter apprentice with A & J Mechanical Contractors; and Matthew Herr, a fourth-year plumber apprentice with Ahern. Maes advanced to compete at the UA 4<sup>th</sup> District Contest in the Steamfitting Category, which will take place on June 7-10 at UA Local 601 in Madison.

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## **UA Local 400 Pipe Trades Hosts Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association Apprentice Competition on May 4-5, 2022**

**Kaukauna, WI (May 12, 2022)** – UA 400 Pipe Trades hosted the Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association (WPTA) Apprentice Competition on May 4-5, 2022 at the group’s training center in Kaukauna, Wisconsin. The three UA Local 400 apprentices who competed include Jared Maes, a fifth-year steamfitter apprentice with [A & J Mechanical](#), Connor Robedeaux, a fifth-year fabrication apprentice with [Team Industries](#), and Matthew Herr, a fourth-year plumbing apprentice with [Ahern](#). Maes has advanced to compete at the UA 4<sup>th</sup> District Contest in the Steamfitting Category. All the winners will be competing at the UA 4<sup>th</sup> District Apprentice Competition, which will take place on June 7<sup>th</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup> at UA Local 601 located in Madison Wisconsin.

A total of fifteen apprentices from seven UA Locals competed in the welding, plumbing, steamfitting, HVAC service and sprinklerfitting categories. The following apprentices will advance to the UA 4<sup>th</sup> District Contest in Madison:

Steamfitting Category – Jarod Maes [UA Local 400](#)

Welding Category – Arturo Contreras [UA Local 601](#)

HVAC Service Category – Jon Strack UA Local 601

Plumbing Category – Kurt Joyal [UA Local 75](#)

Sprinklerfitting Category – Joe Beltoya [UA Local 183](#)



" Local 400 is thrilled to have been selected as the host for the 2022 Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association (WPTA) Apprentice Contest," said UA 400 Business Manager Trevor Martin. "Due to the pandemic, we haven't been able to run a contest since 2019 making this year's event even more special because you could feel the energy and excitement of finally getting our contest back up and running! The contest is the perfect platform for Local 400 and the WPTA to showcase to our contractors, customers, community, local, state, and federal officials the commitment, value, and expertise of a skilled WPTA craftsman. Local 400 Apprentice Jarod Maes was selected as the best Steamfitter in the state and will advance to our District competition in Madison in June and if successful, Jarod will compete on a national stage in August."

UA 400 Pipe Trades is proud to offer some of the country's best apprentice training programs for plumbing, steamfitting, HVAC/R and pipe fabrication. Apprentices earn as they learn from experienced instructors and receive hands-on training with the latest technology. 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.

For more information on training and apprenticeship opportunities visit the [UA Local 400 Career Portal](#).

#### **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 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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