

April 2021 Meeting Recap

Apprenticeship Updates

Construction Essentials Program

[ApprenticeshipNH](#) continues to explore the feasibility and logistics of developing apprenticeship programs for employers to help build a pipeline of employees. They are looking into consortium models for carpentry and masonry programs.

Considerations include:

- Location, materials, supplies and program costs
- Developing programs beyond high school populations to include career changers, returning veterans, and others interested in building trades
- May look into Envirovantage in Northwood for hands-on training location
- Exploring Adult Education model where students work during the day then attend classes at night

Emergency Power Systems Technician Program

Michelle Hilger of [Mongoose Power Solutions](#) is looking to start an apprenticeship program in NH. She is currently in need of a training location that will allow permanent installation of generators for the hands-on training for technicians. In addition, Michelle is **interested in speaking with students about careers in the Emergency Power Systems Technician field**. To learn more, contact **Michelle Hilger**, On-Site Power Generation Advocate & Liaison, (215) 370-1119

Masonry

MasCon and George W. Pynn are partnering to offer a consortium-model masonry apprenticeship program. Industry partners and curriculum are secured. Next step is identifying space for hands-on training. Meeting with NHTI 5/3.

Industry Updates

Job Fair

- Free [Virtual Construction Job Fair](#), May 13th 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- This event is free for employers. Job openings include field and office from entry level to experienced. [Registration is required](#) for both employers and job seekers.

- Free [Job Fair Preparation Event](#) on May 4th from 4:30 - 6:30 for job seekers. Employers are encouraged to register and provide guidance for resume reviews and mock interviews.
- [Anderson Welding](#) is hosting an open house on May 13th at 3:30, 19 Colonial Way, Barrington, NH. [Click here to register.](#)
- [NAWIC - National Association of Women in Construction - Excellence Awards, applications due June 1](#)
- [Basic Construction Law Series](#): Open to all-no prerequisites. Participants can register for select topics or save by registering for the full series. For educator and student discounts - reach out to Jennifer@abcnhvt.org
- National Safety Stand Down To Prevent Falls in Construction is May 3 - 7, 2021. [Click here to learn more.](#)
- [Advanced Fall Protection Training](#). Virtual training. Hosted by Region 1 OSHA on May 5 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ABC NH/VT offers free Safety Toolbox Talks. [Click here to view recent additions](#), including information on Emergency Preparedness and Active Shooter Response Plan.

Education Partners

[Keene Community Education](#): Developing a **gas pipe fitters apprenticeship** in the fall pending approvals from the Mechanical Board. HVAC apprenticeship delayed to fall of 2022 for curriculum development. Currently they run electrical and plumbing programs. Students are on the job during the day and in class two nights a week.

[Milford High School & Applied Technology Center](#) is seeking instructors:

- [Construction Technology & Woodworking](#)
- [Precision Machining and Welding Basics Instructor](#)

To learn more, contact Vaso Partinoudi: vaso.partinoudi@milfordk12.org or 603-673-4201

[ISupportCTE](#): The CTE community is embarking on a campaign to **double the federal investment in Career Technical Education (CTE)**. We need more than 10,000 businesses to sign on and help us signal to congress that investing in CTE is paramount to the nation's workforce. There is no financial obligation. [Click here to learn more and to sign the pledge.](#)

[NEPRIS](#) - a live virtual platform is seeking presenters to **conduct live (virtual) presentations** for students online and around the country. Teachers post a variety of requests from elementary-aged students wanting to learn about building trades to capstone presentation reviews for high school seniors. [Click here to learn more.](#)

[VLACS](#) – Virtual Learning Academy Charter School is a K-adult education program with over 10,000 students across the state. They are looking to **expand their Career Connections program with Construction Professional Partners**. To learn more, contact Lisa Kent - Program Manager.

Community Partners

MyTurn Grant Submission Updates

Youth Build is in a holding pattern. In the meantime, another grant was submitted for the **Young Adult Reentry Partnership (YARP)**. The intent of this program is to serve 115 youth in NH per year in several cities across NH. The grant focuses on youth who have had court involvement at some point. If approved, the due date to start is July 1. Construction is one of the sectors where participants will receive soft skills training and hands-on training with construction industry partners.

To learn more, contact Allison Joseph, Executive Director, (603) 321-3416

Announcements

Canterbury Shaker Village in Canterbury, NH is looking to **expand their board of directors and is seeking nominations** from the construction industry.

The Executive Director stated they are seeking a “Builder, developer, contractor with expertise in best practices in construction and building issues, for example, roofing (cedar breathers vs other aerating roofing measures). Someone with expertise in historic preservation would be ideal. They don’t have to be actual builders, but have some degree of knowledge on best practices for historic preservation problems from water issues, to solar arrays, to land management.”

They do have some expertise with a former NH State Architectural Historian, an architect with Lavallee Brensinger in Manchester. If interested or to learn more, contact: Connie Roy-Cyzowski, P: 603-223-1279 C: 603-545-2189

Open Discussion

[Construction Trades Instructor at Concord Regional Technical Center](#)

John Hubbard is looking to **expand his pool of presenters and partners** to work with students. His program consists of:

- 1 semester of Electrical
- 1 semester of Plumbing
- 1 semester of Carpentry
- ½ semester of Masonry
- ½ semester of MIG Welding

Seniors are required to do job shadows and he would like to open this up for juniors if he can find enough partners. His program currently has 58 students, 38 are first year students. If interested or to learn more, contact John Hubbard.

Manchester School of Technology

MST is holding a **one-week summer camp for up to 100 7th and 8th graders**. There will be 10 students per group and 10 areas of interest for them to explore (i.e. carpentry, landscaping, manufacturing, automotive, cosmetology, business, etc.) They welcome any donations of materials. If interested or to learn more, contact Marcia Burns-Mittler.

Sargent Construction Academy

Heather Hutchinson - Sargent Construction Academy is recruiting recent high school graduates for paid summer internships.