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Growing with Apprenticeship



*Eric King
Apprenticeship Coordinator*

It is important when promoting apprenticeships that we understand the advantages of our apprenticeship program. Apprenticeship lays the foundation for a safe and qualified workforce. It creates a diverse and skilled workforce with enhanced productivity. Apprentices learn the most up to date industry techniques and safety standards. Retention rates are increased; 90% of graduated apprentices stay employed with their union. Apprenticeship is only the first step to a long and successful career.

With the increase in jobs entering West Virginia, right now is the best time to join our DOL registered apprenticeship. Our apprentices gain the knowledge they need to succeed through 4,000 hours of paid

on-the-job learning combined with 400 hours of classroom/hands-on instruction. Students receive high-quality training from our ANSI certified instructors at our cutting-edge training facility. At the end of the apprenticeship, our members earn industry-recognized credentials, plus have the knowledge and skills needed in the field. Additionally, those who finish the apprenticeship are awarded 39+ college credit hours to select colleges. These credits can be used towards an associate degree in applied science.

Apprentices are a value to our growing union. We need to do all we can to promote and strengthen our apprenticeship program. Let's continue being the best at what we do, allowing LiUNA to shine bright within our communities.

WVALDC MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY

**AFTER A 9-YEAR HIATUS,
MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY IS BACK!**

JULY 29TH

11 AM-4 PM

**JOIN US FOR GAMES, DRAWINGS, FOOD
AND ENTERTAINMENT.**

EVENT SCHEDULE

11:00-11:15	Welcome / Invocation
	Opening remarks
	Drawing gift card
11:30	Bent Whiskey
	Food Service Begins
11:30-1:15	Kid's Fishing Derby
12:30	Apprentice Graduation
12:55	Drawing gift cards
1:00	Davison Brothers Band
2:00	Award Ceremony for the kids fishing derby.
2:05	Drawing
2:30	Shenandoah
4:00	Closing remarks
	Drawing gift cards



Hoisting & Rigging 11.7-11.22

Front Row L to R: Jeffery Enoch, Mallorie Shomo, Nathaniel Smith
Back Row L To R: Josh Kidd, Hank Wells, Erik Kropka, Crystal Mollohan, Nyle Sams, Deontray Smith



CDL Prep 11.14-16.22

L To R: Marshall Cecil, Matt Sell, Joe Blake



Concrete 11.7-11.22

L to R: Noah Arnold, Blaike Leonard, Wyatt Gatts, Mark Borum



Scaffold Builder 11.14-18.22

Front Row L to R: Deontray Smith, Crystal Mollohan, Nathaniel Smith, Mallorie Shomo
Back Row L to R: Nyle Sams, Hank Wells, Jeffery Enoch, Joshua Kidd, Erik Kropka



Hazardous Waste 11.28-12.2.22

L to R: Tim Somerville, Austin Branham, Adam Small, Nathan Smith



OSHA 30 11.28-12.1.22

L to R: Michael Sindledecker, Rece Lavender, Matthew Adkins



ICRA 12.5-9.22

L to R: Nicholas Anderson, Dalton Dick, Austin Branham, Taylor Powell



Asbestos Abatement Worker 12.12-16.22

Front Row L to R: Brian K. Dillon, Taylor Powell, Ryan Smith
Back Row L to R: Nathan Smith, Tyler Yocum, Brian DeVore



VA Flagger Class 12.20.22

L To R: Chandler Worden, Robert Martin



Lead Worker 12.19-23.22

L to R: Dalton Dick, Christopher T. Wamsley



Solar Panel Installation 12.27-28.22

L to R: Jody Reed, Mark Petrucci, Andrew Burton, Eli Kerr, Richard Lantz



Intro to Construction Drone Operation 10.17-21.22

L to R: Jarrett Smith, Mary Prim



OSHA 10 10.25-26.22
Seth Williams



Apprenticeship 2nd Year 10.24-28.22
Front Row L to R: James Chesnutt-Dunfee, Crystal Mollohan, Jeffery Enoch
Back Row L to R: Justin Peyton, Leland Lowe, Nathaniel Smith



Apprenticeship 1st Year 10.24-11.4.22
Front Row L to R: Chandler Midkiff, Justin Stillwell, Parker Bonnett, Patrick Devaughn, Victoria Rollins, Zebudia Pitters, Zackery Perry
Back Row L to R: Brandon Bryant, Addison Means, Isaiah Jeffery Bassett, Andrew Schluter, Zachery Frye, Cameron Clark, Andrew Waggoner, Haiden Davis



Apprenticeship 1st Year 11.7-11.22
Front Row L to R: Noah Arnold, Brandon Bringman, Blaike Leonard
Back Row L to R: Isaac Williams, Wyatt Gatts, Hayden Byrd, Mark Borum



Forklift/Skid Steer/ Manlift 10.24-28.22
Joseph Blake



Flagger Supervisor 01.09-13.23
L to R: Kenneth Turley, Christopher Wasmley, Kevin Bowman, Dalton Brindo, Albert Barton



Blueprint Reading 01.09-13.23
Bradley Justice



Line & Grade 01.09-13.23
Front Row L to R: Robert Davis, Nicolas Southall, Brittany Schluter, Brian Devore
Back Row L to R: John Smith, Joe Blake, Ben Hammond, JD Meredith, Jake Welch



Apprenticeship 2nd Year 01.09-20.23
L To R: Robert Davis, Nicolas Southall, Brittany Schluter, Joe Blake



OSHA 10 01.18-19.23
L to R: Stephanie Gallman, Brian Deems, Jason Bradley, Jake Welch, Nicole Ewing



Traffic Control & Flagging 01.19-20.23
L to R: Matt Smith, David Smith, Timmy Lewis, Zachary Witsoe, Andrew Ross



CDL Prep 01.23-25.23
L to R: Nicholas Nelson, Ben Hammond, Alfred Swegard, Devin Harrison



Scaffold Builder 01.23-27.23
Front Row L to R: Brittany Schluter, Trice Boatwright, Cristopher Messer
Back Row L to R: JD Meredith III, Christopher Wamsley, Alissa Miller, Brandon Fletcher



Foreman Prep 1.23-27.23
L to R: Jake Welch, Willis Hundley



Small Engine Repair 01.30-02.03.23
L to R: Justice Smith, Stephanie Gallman



Forklift/Skidsteer/Manlift 02.27-03.03.23
L to R: Douglas Jones, Jr., Todd Scott



Apprenticeship 2nd Year 03.06-17.23
Front Row L to R: Mallorie Shomo, Nyle Sams, Hank Wells, Josh Kidd
Back Row L to R: Erik Kropka, Christopher Wamsley



ICRA 05.22-23.23
L to R: James Dunfee, Josh Kidd



Asbestos Abatement Supervisor 01.09-14.23
Brody McComas



Pipeline Technology 04.24-28.23
Front Row L to R: Justin Stillwell, Parker Bonnett, Patrick Devaughn
Back Row L to R: Isaiah Bassett, Andrew Schluter, DeAngelo Hunt, Zachary Frye, Haiden Davis, Cam Clark, Brandon Bryant



Lead Worker 04.24-28.23
James Dunfee



Traffic Control Supervisor 02.27-03.03.23
L to R: Tina Fury, Tracy Chocky



GPS 03.06-10.23
L to R: Jim Zink, Joseph Frair, Joe Weaver



Scaffold Builder 03.20-24.23
L to R: Justin Peyton, James Chesnutt-Dunfee, and Leland Lowe



Traffic Control & Flagging 02.27-28.23

L to R: Rosemary Harris, Justin Peyton, Tim Whetzel, Traci Chocky, Dominic Goodwin, Tina Fury, Douglas Jones, Sr., Albert Bier



Traffic Control & Flagging 02.21-22.23

Front Row L to R: Roger Wade, Jered Hughes, Rodney Pittman, David Underwood, Steve Whipkey, Gunner Stillwagoner, Ryan Danley, Aaron Danley
Back Row L to R: Vern Livengood, Tommy Halvenson, Eric Wykert, Vincent Lemasers, Jeffrey Boley, Brian Palmer, Gary White, Peyton Bassett, Hunter Armstrong



Gencon 06.19-30.23

L To R: Andre' Paige, Ryan Atkinson, Brayden Littleton, Ashton "Gage" Taylor, Joel Basnett, Aaron Freeland, Mark Liggett II



Pipelaying 01.16-20.23

Front Row L to R: Brian DeVore, Brittany Schluter
Back Row L to R: Joe Blake, J.D. Meredith, Nicolas Southall, Robert Davis



Solar Installer 05.04-05.23

L to R: Randy Smith, Brandon Parsons



Cutting & Burning 01.16-20.23

L to R: Robert Jacobson, Ben Hammond, Rachael Cunningham



Gencon 02.06-17.23

Front Row L to R: Aaron Troutman, Steven Burks, Collin Dvoracek
Back Row L to R: Joshua Rasmussen, Robert Haley, David Underwood, Andrew Burris, Zeke Argentine



Pipeline Technology 02.27-03.03.23

Front Row L to R: Devin Lusk, Trenton Richards, Blake Showalter, Jacob Ellis, Justin Martin, Kasey Stewart, Victoria Rollins, Brandon Bringman
Back Row L to R: Damien Adkins, Shawn Boley, Jeremy Haller, Jakob Martin, Kelly Davis, David Ross, Griffen Cutright, Matt Klim, Rachael Cunningham, Travis Goddard



Traffic Control & Flagging 04.12-13.23

Front Row L to R: Shiann McCumbers, Amy Cox, James Wright, Mauricio Tola II, Jacob Branham, Noah Arnold
Middle Row L to R: Blaike Leonard, Ryan Jarvis, Stephane Groves, Jeremy Dolan, William Arthur, Shyanne Fordyce
Back Row L to R: Wyatt Gatts, Chase Hart, Mark Borum, Tanner Weddle, Larry Wilson

Congratulations to Our Newest Journeymen!



Austin Branham **Local #1353 (L)** with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Nicholas Anderson **Local #1149 (L)** with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Ryan Smith **Local #1353 (L)** with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Crystal Mollohan **Local #1149 (L)** with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



Leland Lowe **Local #1353 (L)** with Apprenticeship Coordinator Eric King



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Mental Health Awareness - Be Prepared

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) [launched](#) a new three-digit [Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, 988](#). This new three-digit number is replacing the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800-273-8255), which remains available. The goal behind creating the new three-digit code is to make accessing mental health services easier to remember during a behavioral health emergency, similar to how 911 has become synonymous with contacting the police for other emergencies.

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline [offers 24/7 call, text and chat access](#) to compassionate, accessible care and support for anyone experiencing mental health related distress. That includes thoughts of suicide, substance use crisis or any other mental health or emotional distress. The Lifeline is a national network of more than 200 crisis centers staffed with trained crisis counselors that helps thousands of people overcome crisis situations every day. People can also use 988 if they are worried about someone else who may need crisis support. The Lifeline provides live crisis center phone services in [English and Spanish](#)

What can [people expect](#) when they reach out to 988?

Call 988:

After a greeting message, callers will be routed to the local Lifeline network crisis center based on their area code.

Veterans can press “1” after dialing 988 to connect directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline, which serves our nation’s veterans, service members (including National Guard and Reserve members) and those who support them.

Text 988:

When someone texts 988, a trained crisis counselor at a group of Lifeline crisis centers will respond.

Chat:

Available through the Lifeline’s website @ (988lifeline.org) Chat bar in top right corner.

Whether it’s via the phone, text, or chat, once connected, a trained crisis counselor listens, works to understand the problem, then provides support and shares resources that may be helpful.

To help LIUNA District Councils, Local Unions, signatory contractors and members find suicide prevention resources quickly, the LHSFNA recently created our own [Suicide Prevention Resources](#) page.

(www.lhsfna.org/suicide-prevention-resources) This page includes Fund articles, publications, videos and co-branded resources from the [Construction Industry Alliance for Suicide Prevention](#).

(preventconstructionsuicide.com) The LHSFNA is committed to helping LIUNA members and their family members to connect with the resources and assistance they need and deserve. (www.lhsfna.org)

[Jamie Becker is the Laborers’ Health & Safety Fund Director of Health Promotion]



The West Virginia Laborers' Training Trust Fund Would Like to Recognize the Following Retirees For Their Many Years of Hard Work and Dedication.

MAY EACH OF YOU ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT YEARS!

Local #379

Member	Initiation Date	Retirement Date
Daniel Baker	September 1995	November 2022
Michael Weekley	May 2012	November 2022
Samuel Baker	April 2007	December 2022
Daniel Rishel	August 1986	February 2023
Michael Brown	August 2002	June 2023

Local #1149

Member	Initiation Date	Retirement Date
Danny Castello	August 2005	November 2022
David Drake	May 2011	March 2023
Sherman Ellis	August 1996	March 2023
Michael Mellott	April 2005	March 2023
Garren Goudy	July 1992	May 2023
Robert Huggins	February 2012	May 2023

Local #984

Member	Initiation Date	Retirement Date
Tony Alt	December 1992	October 2022
Kenneth Moats	July 2008	October 2022
Richard Demastes	July 1988	December 2022
Paul Hall	May 1996	December 2022
Robert Smith	December 1991	January 2023
David Mays	August 2014	August 2022
Thomas Mallow	September 2009	May 2023
Hollis Farrar	June 2002	June 2023

Local #1353

Member	Initiation Date	Retirement Date
Joseph Carlisle	January 1987	November 2022
Kevin Crank	November 2006	November 2022
Bobby Hill	March 1991	November 2022
Franklin Lane	May 1998	December 2022
Lynn Plants	February 2009	December 2022
Nolan Ekers	July 1983	January 2023
Samuel Turman	October 1998	January 2023
Jodie Harper	January 2006	February 2023
Michael Plants	December 2002	February 2023

Local #1085

Member	Initiation Date	Retirement Date
Phillip Miihlbach	December 1996	November 2022
Randall Epling	November 1991	January 2023
Wyatt McClain	May 1984	January 2023
Nathan Hartness	July 2004	February 2023

50 Year Gold Members



Laborers' Local #1353 Business Manager Calvin Brogan with 50-year gold card member Dusty Hill (R)



50-year gold card member Carl Metz (L) with Laborers' Local #1085 Business Manager Matthew Freeland



Laborers' Local #1149 Business Manager Justin Gray with 50-year gold card member David Winters (R)

Retired District Council Business Manager Corky Harvey with 50-year gold card member Robert Crites (middle) and Laborers' Local #1353 Business Manager Calvin Brogan



Business Manager Local #1353 Calvin Brogan with 50 year Gold Member David R. Kay



WEST VIRGINIA CONSTRUCTION CRAFT LABORERS' TRAINING CENTER

(304) 489-9665

SCHEDULE OF COURSES

SEPTEMBER 2023 - DECEMBER 2023



COURSE	DATES	TIMES	TOTAL HOURS	CLASS SIZE
Confined Space Awareness	Sept. 6	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	15
CDL Prep	Sept. 6-8	8:00am - 4:30pm	24	6
Utility Locating	Sept. 6	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	4
Solar Installer	Sept. 7-8	8:00am - 4:30pm	16	15
Poly Pipe Fusion	Sept. 7	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	6
Manlift Safety	Sept. 8	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	4
First Aid/CPR/AED	Sept. 9	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	12
Pipe OQ	Sept. 9	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	6
Safeland Basic	Sept. 9	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	8
General Construction *****	Sept. 11-22	8:00am - 4:30pm	80	15
Forklift/Skidsteer/Manlift Safety	Sept. 11-15	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	4
Mason Tending	Sept. 11-15	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	12
OSHA 10 *	Sept. 12-13	8:00am - 4:30pm	12	20
Air&Power Tools/Soil Compaction*	Sept. 14	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	20
Intro to Green Construction*	Sept. 15	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	20
Asbestos Supervisor	Sept. 18-23	8:00am - 4:30pm	48	25
Traffic Control & Flagging*	Sept. 19-20	8:00am - 4:30pm	16	15
Construction Math*	Sept. 21	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	20
Scaffold User*	Sept. 22	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	20
Hand Applied Pipe Coating	Sept. 23	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	6
Concrete *****	Sept. 25-29	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	18
Pipeline Distribution	Sept. 25-29	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	15
Small Engine Repair	Sept. 25-29	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	6
Silica Awareness	Sept. 26	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	6
Pipeline Technology*****	Oct. 2-6	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	6
Cutting & Burning	Oct. 2-6	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	6
Line & Grade *****	Oct. 9-13	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	20
Traffic Control & Flagging	Oct. 9-10	8:00am - 4:30pm	16	15
Lead Abatement Worker *****	Oct. 9-13	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	15
Solar Farm Construction	Oct. 11-13	8:00am - 4:30pm	24	15
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher	Oct. 14	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	25
Lead Abatement Refresher	Oct. 14	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	10
First Aid/CPR/AED	Oct. 14	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	12
Pipelining *****	Oct. 16-20	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	12
Trench Excavation Safety	Oct. 16	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	10
Asbestos Abatement *****	Oct. 16-20	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	15
Scaffold Builder *****	Oct. 23-27	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	20

COURSE	DATES	TIMES	TOTAL HOURS	CLASS SIZE
CDL Prep	Oct. 23-25	8:00am - 4:30pm	24	6
OSHA 10	Oct. 26-27	8:00am - 4:30pm	12	20
Hoisting and Rigging *****	Oct. 30- Nov.3	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	20
Forklift/Skidsteer/Manlift Safety	Oct. 30- Nov.3	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	4
GPS/ Job Site Layout	Oct. 30- Nov.3	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	6
I.C.R.A*****	Nov. 6-10	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	15
Intro to Construction Drone	Nov. 6-10	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	4
First Aid/CPR/AED	Nov. 6	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	10
Traffic Control & Flagging	Nov. 7-8	8:00am - 4:30pm	16	15
Fire Watch/ Fire Extinguisher	Nov. 9	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	10
Confined Space Awareness	Nov. 10	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	10
Pipe OQ	Nov. 11	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	6
Hazardous Waste Refresher	Nov. 11	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	25
Asbestos Abatement Refresher	Nov. 11	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	25
CDL Prep	Nov. 13-15	8:00am - 4:30pm	24	6
Asbestos Abatement *****	Nov. 13-17	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	16
OSHA 10	Nov. 16-17	8:00am - 4:30pm	12	20
Cutting & Burning	Nov. 27- Dec. 1	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	6
Pipeline Technology *****	Nov. 27- Dec. 1	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	12
Hazard Communication	Nov. 30	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	10
Pipe Laser	Dec. 1	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	6
Infectious Disease Oper. *****	Dec. 4-8	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	15
Traffic Control Supervisor	Dec. 4-8	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	15
Traffic Control & Flagging	Dec. 4-5	8:00am - 4:30pm	16	15
Confined Spaces in Construction	Dec. 6-8	8:00am - 4:30pm	24	15
Hazardous Waste Refresher	Dec. 9	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	25
Asbestos Abatement Refresher	Dec. 9	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	25
Pipe OQ	Dec. 9	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	6
Foreman Prep	Dec. 11-15	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	12
Hazardous Waste Worker *****	Dec. 11-15	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	15
Blueprint Reading	Dec. 18-22	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	4
OSHA 30	Dec. 18-21	8:00am - 4:30pm	32	15
Small Engine Repair	Dec. 18-22	8:00am - 4:30pm	40	6
First Aid/CPR/AED	Dec. 22	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	10
CDL Prep	Dec. 27-29	8:00am - 4:30pm	24	6
LiUNA Labor History	Dec. 27	8:00am - 4:30pm	8	15
OSHA 10	Dec. 28-29	8:00am - 4:30pm	12	20

* Within a GenCon Class **** It is the Responsibility of each member to contact your Local Union when in need of a First Aid or CPR Refresher ***** If you are in need of any class not listed please contact the Training Center
 ** 10 hours a days, eight days in a row ***** Creditable apprenticeship classes

Monthly Union Meeting Nights

- Local 379**Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm
- Local 616** Fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm
- Local 980** Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- Local 984**Second Friday of each month at 8:00 pm
- Local 1085** First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm
- Local 1149**Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- Local 1353**Third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm

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