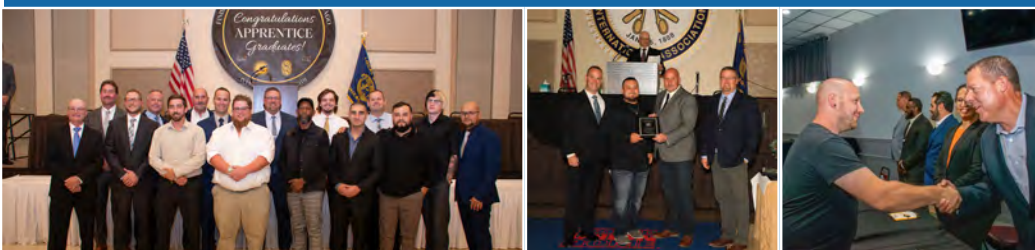


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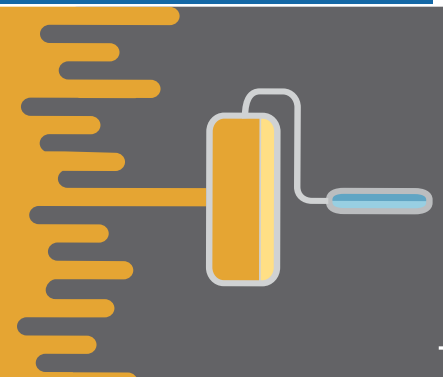


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YOUR UNION IS HERE FOR YOU!



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we start this new year, it is important that we embrace all that we accomplished in 2024 and accept what did not go our way. We worked so hard this campaign cycle, and I want to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who took time away from their families and donated time to help our candidates that DC14 was supporting. Not only did we make a difference in Illinois, but we also travelled to Wisconsin to help our DC7 family get out the vote. To you all **THANK YOU!** This is what makes our union strong when we stick together.

However, the presidential election did not end as we had hoped, but one thing is clear, DC14 will be fighting to ensure that all our protections that we have fought hard to get over the past 50 years are there for you in the future, no matter who is president. The new incoming administration, along with their 2025 plan, will no doubt cause unions across the Nation to be aggressive in standing up for the membership and hold members of Congress accountable if they try to strip away our rights. I am ready to fight for you and DC14 won't let you down.

The International General Convention, which was held this year, was attended by over 1,200 delegates from across the country. The delegates voted on important changes to the Constitution that is shaping the future of our union. These changes are designed to strengthen our collective bargaining power, improve member benefits and enhance the overall effectiveness of our union. These changes will begin on January 1, 2025.

2024 was a good year overall for DC14. I am proud of the hard work of our dedicated



staff of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for establishing our accredited training program, which is going to benefit all members of DC14. Their commitment to this program has been steadfast and truly a labor of love. I am so proud of everyone involved with bringing this to reality.

I am also happy to announce that we successfully negotiated a great three-year contract. We negotiated to bring you better wages, benefits and protections.

I know that there will be challenges ahead in 2025 and beyond, but together we can meet those challenges head on and continue to stand up for our union. DC14 is ready to march forward into the new year with vigor and vision to continue to strengthen our union, provide for our families and ensure everyone is safe on our job sites. We are resilient and strong when we are together. One Union, One Family, One Fight.

In Solidarity

Joe Rinehart
Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

Spotlight Local Union 275

Painters Local Union #275 received its charter with the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America on October 11, 1895. The local was established by predominantly German immigrants in the Lakeview area. Over the past 60 years the local's German membership has declined as the city of Chicago and surrounding areas have become more diverse. As of today, Painters Local Union #275 has a total of 240 members which consist of Commercial Painters, Drywall finishers and Industrial painters who work all over the Chicago land area and its surrounding cities. Just recently the Niles Memorial VFW post 3579 moved to a new location in Niles. Painters Local Union #275 assisted our Chicago painting apprenticeship program with painting the VFW's newly acquired building. In return our apprentices received some hands-on training on Drywall Finishing and Painting. Painters Local Union #275 Meetings are held in this very same building every third Monday of each month 7655 N Caldwell Niles IL. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings so they can stay informed with the most current events and voice any concerns they may have.



Political Report

SUMMER 2024

Throughout decades union labor has been on the decline on an It is an honor to submit my first report as your Political Director & Legislative Affairs for Painters District Council #14. This report provides an opportunity to share some exciting information, important updates, and future political initiatives that the political department has been working on. I would like to start by thanking Dennis Roach, previous Political Director, for his hard work, dedication and outstanding vision.

We hope that he enjoys his retirement.

Since the last newsletter was published, there have been several accomplishments in the PDC14 jurisdiction and in the State of Illinois. We have a newly elected Mayor and Aldermen in the City of Chicago and happy to announce that over 95% of the Painters District Council endorsements were victorious. We are currently working on the general election in Chicago and with candidates that are starting their political career by running for the Chicago School Board.

In the surrounding Counties we continue working with elected officials on different levels of Government

Mayors, City Council and School Boards. Having a strong presence and political friends is crucial for our District Council to remain strong. With your support, we worked hard to make sure that two of our endorsed candidates to the Supreme Court got elected (Justice Mary K. O'Brian and Elizabeth M. Rochford) It was great to see DC#14 lead the way with member participation for their election.

With your help, the amendment to the State of Illinois Constitution passed (WORKERS RIGHTS AMENDMENT). This amendment will respect the rights of residents of Illinois to organize. In 2024, Governor Pritzker signed in to law Senate Bill 3649, also known as the "captive audience meeting", in which workers are NOT required to listen to employers' religious and political views at the workplace. Having SB3649 will be a great tool to have for the Organizing Department as they continue their efforts. The Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act was passed under the Biden Administration. Because of this much needed attention will be given to initiatives like The Bridge Corrosion Prevention and Repair Act, which will create new union jobs in construction.

As we bring to you our success stories, we also need to talk about the presidential election. We made a commitment to the Kamila Harris/ Tim Walz ticket and unfortunately, we fell short on getting them elected. We will continue our focus on what's best for our members and we will do our best to find common ground with the newly elected administration. Brothers and sisters, it's time to put the election behind us, roll up our sleeves and get to work. As I conclude this report, I would like to be extremely clear that everything mentioned here is accomplished with the help of every one of you.

I am looking forward to working closely with all our elected officials at the State and Local level. It's my hope to continue aligning our District Council with politicians that understand the needs of our brothers and sisters that are represented by District Council #14.

Sincerely,

Hugo Manzo
Director of Politics &
Legislative Affairs

DC14 WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

Working with our Allies in the Trades Industries

DC14 Women's Committee was established in October of 2015 and is growing stronger and stronger. Our mission is to grow within our organization by educating, inspiring, supporting and promoting involvement, in various pursuits to our women members and to work within and outside of the union to promote more diversity, equality and inclusion in our industry by:

- Supporting systems-built day by day by members.
- Be the next leader's/mentor/big sisters.
- Conquering challenges we face every day in the field.
- Breaking barriers in construction.
- TWBN Trades Women Build Nation Annual Conference.
- Networking throughout committees.
- Building the foundation for future generations, etc.

Painters District Council 14 along with our DC14 Chicago Apprenticeship Program and Finishing Contractors Association of Chicago have been extremely supportive of the recruitment of new female members in the painting industry and continue to seek new ways to foster a diverse workforce in our industry.

Part of this strategy has been to partner with nonprofit community organizations, including Chicago Women in Trades, an organization dedicated to training and supporting women in the construction trades. Additional grant funding from the state and federal government has enabled our organization to implement some creative solutions to help women in our organization that are under-representation in our trade. This year included a pilot pre-apprenticeship program held at the apprenticeship school for women interested in becoming commercial, industrial painters and drywall finishers.



With the escalation of work in our industry and the strong partnership of Painters District Council 14 and The Finishing Contractors Association of Chicago contractors were very receptive to sponsoring these candidates. There were 10 women who participated in this program of which 8 joined our union. We welcome all the new PDC14 members and thank you for your support and commitment!

If you are interested in more information or joining the women's committee, please join us every 3rd Thursday of the month at
PDC14 | 1456 W Adams | 4:30pm

Contact Helen Chung at (312) 421-0046 or visit us on Facebook @ DC14 Women's Committee



Brothers and Sisters,

As we gathered with our families this past holiday season lets keep a renewed focus on what unites us. The beginning of a new year allows us to reflect on the challenges and achievements of the past year while preparing for the opportunities ahead.

One significant moment was the recent presidential election, where President-elect Trump succeeded the Biden administration. In our District Council's effort to support Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, we aimed to secure a strong future for organized labor. Personally, I had the opportunity to go door-to-door, engaging in candid conversations with union members and their families across Illinois and Wisconsin. These conversations were often difficult, underscoring the divisions in our country and even within our membership. The choice between a candidate who supports unions and another who does not clearly impacts our collective bargaining rights, benefits, and wages. These are the foundations of organized labor, established through more than a century of relentless advocacy and hard work.

To remind us of the vital role unions play, here is a list of protections secured through labor movements:

- ✓ Weekends without work
- ✓ All breaks at work, including your lunch breaks
- ✓ Paid vacation
- ✓ Family & Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
- ✓ Sick leave
- ✓ Social Security
- ✓ Minimum wage
- ✓ Civil Rights Act/Title VII - prohibits employer discrimination
- ✓ 8-hour workday
- ✓ Overtime pay
- ✓ Child labor laws
- ✓ Occupational Safety & Health Act (OSHA)
- ✓ 40-hour work week
- ✓ Workers' compensation (workers' comp)
- ✓ Unemployment insurance
- ✓ Pensions
- ✓ Workplace safety standards and regulations
- ✓ Employer health care insurance

- ✓ Collective bargaining rights for employees
- ✓ Wrongful termination laws
- ✓ Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA)
- ✓ Whistleblower protection laws
- ✓ Employee Polygraph Protection Act (EPPA)—prohibits employers from using a lie detector test on an employee
- ✓ Veteran's Employment and Training Services (VETS)
- ✓ Compensation increases and evaluations (i.e. raises)
- ✓ Sexual harassment laws
- ✓ Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)
- ✓ Holiday pay
- ✓ Employer dental, life, and vision insurance
- ✓ Privacy rights
- ✓ Pregnancy and parental leave
- ✓ Military leave
- ✓ The right to strike
- ✓ Public education for children
- ✓ Equal Pay Acts of 1963 & 2011
- ✓ Infrastructure Act
- ✓ Inflation Reduction Act
- ✓ CHIPS and Science Act

These achievements highlight the importance of labor organizations in protecting worker's rights. Any erosion of these protections could profoundly impact the labor market and our livelihoods.

As we work to protect these rights, I want to acknowledge the incredible work of CORE (Community Outreach for Real Economics), which has provided critical support to families in need throughout the year. Whether it's helping families during the holidays, offering resources to members, or strengthening our community connections, CORE exemplifies the values of solidarity and service that define our union.

Additionally, I would like to recognize the recipients of this year's STAR awards, which honor outstanding members who have gone above & beyond and take the time to enroll in safety and training classes, therefore enhancing their skills while giving themselves a further opportunity in the workplace.

Despite the divisions we may face, our shared goal remains the same: to strengthen our unions and ensure a secure future for our members. This begins with participation. In 2025, I urge every member to make a renewed commitment to attend your Local and District Council union meetings. These meetings are the foundation of our collective power, enabling us to do more for one another.

As we continue into the new year, let's focus on what unites us. Set aside political differences, cherish your family, and set a positive example for the next generation—they are the bright future of our union and our nation.

In Solidarity,

Michael Cook
Servicing Director

PAINTERS AND TAPERS STAR PROGRAM 2024



SAFETY TRAINING AWARDS RECOGNITION



We are proud to announce that we celebrated our 18th year commemorating the Star Program and all its participants. District Council 14 is committed to educating and upgrading our members' skills in safety. Also, we are proud to acknowledge and reward our members that took their personal time to take these classes. We encourage journeyman to take advantage of these free classes offered at our school as one of the steps to becoming eligible for the STAR event.

The eligible STAR participants that attended the banquet that evening received a STAR Carhartt jacket when they registered in. The grand prize this year was a 2024 Chevy Pick Up truck worth over \$60,000 Dollars. Also, for the second year in a row we had an amazing Slingshot Motorcycle worth more than \$30,000.

The Grand Prize winner of the 2024 CHEVY Pick Up Truck was Kenneth Akison, of Local Union 147. The second big winner of the evening was Adrian Rosales Sandoval, of Local Union 184, he took home a 2024 Slingshot Motorcycle. There were many more winners that were excited to walk away with additional prizes.

The 2024 STAR prize winners included:

GRAND PRIZE 2024 CHEVY PICK UP TRUCK

Kenneth Akison L.U. 147

2024 SLINGSHOT MOTORCYCLE

Adrian Rosales Sandoval L.U. 184

4 WHEELER ATV

Efren Lucero L.U. 521

\$5,000.00 CASH WINNER

Robert Mc Gue L.U. 147

75" SAMSUNG SMART 4K TV

Jose Mendoza L.U. 147

Cristian Loredo Perez L.U. 33

David Espinoza L.U. 275

Pawel Koziol L.U. 275

WEBER GENESIS GRILL

Abel Herrera Casanovs L.U. 147

Avni Kaziu L.U. 194

EPSON PROJECTOR AND SCREEN

Gene Johnson L.U. 194

Marcelino Diaz L.U. 521

65" SAMSUNG SMART 4K TV

Colin Wood L.U. 194

Miguel Serrano L.U. 265

Misael Murillo L.U. 33

Armando Perez L.U. 33

Jim Jacobsen L.U. 265

14" ENVY LAPTOP

Larry Redlin L.U. 147

Juan Jose Torres L.U. 194

Jorge Navarro L.U. 147

George Jennings L.U. 147

IPAD

Victor Hernandez Jr L.U. 521

James Mandernach L.U. 265

Lawrence Smith L.U. 265

Stanley Wienclaw L.U. 33

SEGWAY F35 SCOOTER

Brian Tapia L.U. 33

Jose R Hernandez L.U. 147

Adednego Martey L.U. 275

Eduardo Bueno L.U. 147

BAR 500 SOUNDBAR

Abel Pacheco L.U. 265

Ulises Rodriguez L.U. 184

Luis Enriquez L.U. 147

J Carmen Sanchez L.U. 1332

SONY BLUETOOTH SPEAKER

Maciej Mirecki L.U. 147

Leonardo Brenes Ramirez L.U. 147

APPLE WATCH

Jorge Omar Espinosa L.U. 184

Abraham Epperhart L.U. 275

Pawel Zareba L.U. 265

Nicholas Pasquale L.U. 275

NINTENDO SWITCH

Jose Luis Ibarra Jr L.U. 184

Jose Gamino L.U. 194

Marty Auslander L.U. 194

Miguel A Garcia L.U. 33

PARTYBOX ON THE GO SPEAKER

Gabriel Padilla L.U. 147

Rafael Corona L.U. 147

Luis Morales L.U. 194

Jeremy Skupien L.U. 184

Arthur Hoenig L.U. 273

115 CAN BEVERAGE COOLER

Nicholas Kokalias L.U. 194

Orlando Gamez L.U. 147

Jose Raul Cisneros L.U. 194

IGLOO 70 COOLER

Samuel Enriquez L.U. 147

Domingo Sosa Gonzalez L.U. 273

Alfredo Lopez L.U. 521

BOSE HEADPHONES

Juan Gonzalez L.U. 33

Rafael Ramirez L.U. 147

Robert Burzynski L.U. 194

Lorenzo Lopez L.U. 265

IGLOO 90 COOLER

Joel Gutierrez L.U. 521

Juan Francisco Hernandez L.U. 147

Pedo Luna L.U. 147

\$100 GIFT CARDS

Rahn Jinter L.U. 1332

Julio Valdivia L.U. 191

Armando Pacheco L.U. 194

Rene Villagomez L.U. 147

Jeff Bollie L.U. 265

Michael Cox L.U. 275

Terence O'toole L.U. 275

Pascual Martinez L.U. 147

Florencio Guzman L.U. 194

Jose Esparza Rodriguez L.U. 33

To qualify for STAR you must meet the following requirements

1. You must be a journeyman.
2. You must be in good standing throughout the program year.
3. Working hour requirements: 800 hours
4. 10 credits of any safety class plus 5 credits of skill or safety (total 15) are needed to qualify for one (1) ticket to be entered into the drawing. After that, any 30 credits, whether safety, skills, or a combination of both, will qualify you for a second ticket to be entered in the drawing. There is a two (2) ticket maximum. Only one (1) prize per participant is allowed.
5. Class registration must be done online at <https://www.ftchi.org/>.
6. You should visit the website for continuous updates on scheduled classes and/or changes. If a class is marked "FULL", you may contact the JATC for any possible cancellations.
7. If you have two (2) No Call/No Shows for any class, you will be disqualified for that STAR year.
8. Unregistered walk-ins to any class will not be allowed.
9. First time STAR participants are required to give their full Social Security Number in order to receive STAR credit. When taking subsequent classes, only your last 4 digits will be required.
10. Participants may only win one (1) vehicle within their lifetime while participating in the STAR Program.
11. You must register two (2) weeks prior to the class starting date.
12. You must show a current quarter Union card in order to receive STAR Credit.
13. You must complete and pass the entire course to receive STAR credit.



GRADUATION

Painter and Drywall Apprenticeship

Classes of 2023 and 2024

Congratulations are in order to all the Graduates of 2023 and 2024. A Commencement Ceremony was held in 2023 and 2024 to honor the Apprentices.

The Graduation celebration included dinner, and a starter bag filled with essentials and tools to help them on their new career path. Thank you to our many vendors that also donated items to our Graduates.

We would like to congratulate the following members for completing the Apprenticeship program and good luck to all of you!



CLASS OF 2023

COMMERCIAL PAINTERS

- Kenneth Akison
- Krystian Blewa
- Gerardo Botello
- Juan Contreras
- Jorge L. Cordoba
- Adrian Cruz
- Ramon Diaz
- Martin Diaz Martinez
- Michael Garcia
- Daniel T. Gardner
- Jonathan T. Hoekstra
- Justin P. Leeney
- Aaron Lira Delfin
- Efren Lucero
- Brandon Marquette
- Griselda Olmedo

- Pedro Padilla
- Jhovany Rodriguez
- Josh L. Sotomayor
- Jerome C. Tiberi
- Chyle P. Vance
- Kyle Young
- John E. Zieleskiewicz

INDUSTRIAL PAINTERS

- Isidro Bedolla

DRYWALL FINISHERS

- Angel Diaz Jr
- Christian Medina
- Eric Alcantara
- Erik Avalos
- Fernando Torres
- Giovanni Orozco
- Heriberto M. Rodriguez

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

Commercial Painter Apprentice
Efren Lucero

Drywall Finishers Apprentice
Fernando Torres

HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENTS

Commercial Painter Apprentice
Ramon Diaz

Industrial Painter Apprentice
Isidro Bedolla

Drywall Finisher Apprentice
Jorge Almaraz

- Jorge Almaraz
- Jose E. Chavez
- Marco A. Chavez
- Salvador Gonzalez Jr.
- Anthony C. Gonzalez



CLASS OF 2024

COMMERCIAL PAINTERS

Ryle A Abdill
 Jose Angarica
 Celia D. Arreola
 Adrian Martinez Avitia
 Ricardo Munoz Ballesteros
 Eric Baxcajay
 Heriberto Carmago Bibian
 Jesse Cortez
 Daniel A Delgado
 Luis M Garcia
 Alexander Granadon
 Chad Helis
 Alexander M. Huff
 Kevin P. Klimson
 Hector Magana

Dakota J Mc Nulty
 Cecil R. Medlin
 Misael Mendoza
 Tyler D. Nelson
 Alex Pereda
 Charles Gileran Rademaker
 Jonathan D Rickert
 Gabriela Roman
 Gustavo Sanchez-Segovia
 Amador Sandoval
 Nathan C. Scealf
 Brian Swearingen
 Artur Szokalski
 Austin R. Tyrakowski
 Jacob D. Watt
 Anthony Zambito

INDUSTRIAL PAINTERS

Jonathan Ariza
 Harrison T. Baldermann
 Adam J. Brenemann
 Jesus Quiroga Jr.
 Michael J. Robertson
 Jesus Serna Ballin
 Francis L. Thome
 Nathan D. Yasko

DRYWALL FINISHERS

Adrian Hernandez
 Cristian Lopez
 Ramiro Martinez

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

Commercial Painter Apprentice
 Tyler D. Nelson

Industrial Painter Apprentice
 Nathan D. Yasko

Drywall Finishers Apprentice
 Adrian Hernandez

HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENTS

Commercial Painter Apprentice
 Celia D. Arreola

Industrial Painter Apprentice
 Jonathan Ariza

Drywall Finisher Apprentice
 Ramiro Martinez





GRADUATION

Glaziers Union Local 27 Apprenticeship Graduation

Classes of 2023 and 2024

On September 28, 2023 and November 1st 2024, Glaziers Union Local 27 Apprenticeship Program held the Graduation Ceremonies for the Class of 2023 and 2024 Apprentices.

The Class of 2023 had their graduation ceremony held at Sheetmetal Workers Local 73 Banquet Facility in Hillside, Illinois. In attendance were the 9 Graduates along with their guests. The Class of 2024 had their graduation ceremony held at Ditka's restaurant in Oakbrook. In attendance were 2 Graduates and their guests. Also, in attendance was the Glaziers Local 27 JATC, District Council 14 BMST Joseph Rinehart, District Council 14 Business Representatives and Organizers, President of Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council Michael Macellaio along with Secretary Treasurer Michael Mintle, and Dignitaries from the IUPAT and other organizations.

Special Presentations were given by Business Representative and Chairman of the Glaziers JATC Michael Mabus, DC14 BMST Joseph Rinehart, DC14 Director of Training Daniel Penski Jr., Glazier Apprentice Coordinator Brian Beitz and DC14 Servicing Director Michael Cook.

CLASS OF 2023

APPRENTICE GRADUATES

- Branden Bias
- Luis Cebollero Jr.
- Mathew Domanski
- Daniel Hawver
- James Kelly
- Charles Spivey III
- Juan Pablo Valdivia
- Joel Velasquez
- Tristan Wolf

OUTSTANDING GRADUATING APPRENTICE AWARD
Mathew Domanski

HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENT
Luis Cebollero

CLASS OF 2024

APPRENTICE GRADUATES

- Matthew Schultz
- Ryan Stark

OUTSTANDING GRADUATING APPRENTICE AWARD
Ryan Stark

HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENT
Matthew Schultz



CONGRATULATIONS 2024-2025

Gerald C. Harms Painting and Taping

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

These days a college education is a must for our younger generation, but it comes with a high price tag. One of the things Painters' District Council #14 is most proud of is our scholarship program. Because of the foresight of former Business Manager Gerald Harms, who started this fund in 1991, we are lucky to have this fund to help our Union members and their families with the high costs of colleges. Each year we give over \$300,000 Dollars in scholarships.

The scholarship application is available once a year. If you have a child, dependent, or even yourself that will be attending college next fall there will be a request form sent out in the Spring to all qualified members who work for contributing contractors. Full time Union officials, employees of the District Council, School, or Local are NOT eligible for scholarship assistance. Due to the overwhelming number of applicants each member must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be a member or an immediate family member of a **current** card holding member.
2. Union member must be employed by a Painting or Taping contributing contractor and have 3.5 credits in the last Five years. The calendar year starts April 1st and ends March 31st. In order to earn a pension credit for a calendar year you must work 1400 hours in the year.
3. Applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent
4. Applicant must be in the top 50% of his/her High School class.
5. Applicant must be attending a four-year accredited College or University.

Once the request form is filled out by the member and returned to the Council an application will be sent back to the member. There is no limit on how many dependents can apply from each family for the scholarship. Every year you must fill out the application and fulfill each of the requirement *even if you have received a scholarship previously*. **If the applicant does not fulfill the requirements on the application it will be denied.** In this case the applicant may apply the following year.

This year we would like to congratulate the following scholarship recipients:

Ashley Adams	Lazar Djukic	Maya Krolikowski	Kate Rodriquez
Hailey Adams	Paul Dounis	Abigail Kunz	Benjamin Saucedo
Aglaen Alvarado	Olivia Drwal	Joselyn Lara	Luis Solorio
Autumn Barajas	Dominika Dynak	Rebecca Leal	Chris Sotirovski
Mya Beard	Dean Falardeau	Fisher Linton	Emma Talmonti
Nicholas Beemster	Reese Figus	Rolando Lopez	Lesle Torres
Sydney Beemster	Jocelyn Figueroa	Julissa Lopez Ruiz	Liliana Torres
Ava Brancato	Juan Flores	Carolina Martinez	Sara Torrez
Kevin Brennan	Jacob Fox	Jimena Martinez	Adrianna Tram
Sebastian Burzynski	Zuzanna Gaik	Melanie Martinez	Michelle Valdivia
Alondra Calvillo	Giselle Garcia	Nancy Martinez	Neyeli Valdivia
Betsy Calvillo	Jose Antonio Godinez	Alexis Mucha	Lillian Weissmann
Jessica Cervantes	Carmen Gonzelez	Elma Omeragic	Zoe Whetham
Adelma Chavez	Thomas Grabowski	Emilio Ortiz	Vyolette White
Mackenzie Claunch	Macklin Green	Katherine Ortiz	Rosalie Wisniewski
Adriana Cruz	Jason Greleck	Milan Pamucar	Camille Zbierkowski
Daisy Cruz	Emilia Hilgen	Kamila Puchalski	
Alexander Dabkowski	Jessica Jarosik	Adriana Pulido	
Bryan Diaz	Caden Kilpatrick	Sofia Rizzi	



FINISHING TRADES INSTITUTE OF DC 14 CHICAGO...

Now A Fully Accredited Institution!

On September 13th, 2024 the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education met to take action and reviewed necessary documents for accreditation from the Finishing Trades Institute of DC 14 Chicago. At this time an official ruling was made to grant Initial Accreditation effective of the above referenced date.

Accreditation is a status of recognition that is granted to an institution which complies with the eligibility requirements, standards, procedures, and obligations adopted by the member institutions of the Council. Accreditation is granted annually with subsequent reaffirmation scheduled every six years. Each institution must substantiate its accreditation each year through an annual report which reflects the current status of the institution.

The members of the Council on Occupational Education extend to us, our faculty, and our staff its congratulations on having achieved initial accreditation status of a COE-accredited occupational education institution.

This is a monumental day for our institution. The amount of benefits that this will bring to our staff, students, and entire organization, is unprecedented. As an accredited institution you can rest assured that the standard of excellence will be continuously maintained and improved upon – this includes curriculum updates & review, procedures scrutinized, funding opportunities, and the option for our members to transfer or earn college credits. The Finishing Trades Institute of DC 14 Chicago will be partnering with a few online colleges and universities to provide these opportunities to current apprentices and current member journeymen who have completed the apprenticeship program here.

We understand that this is not a finish line but just the start of the work we need to do to utilize this recognition. We are excited to get to work and take advantage of all the benefits that this will bring to our staff and students. Thank you for your continued support, vision, and patience as we continue to build the best apprenticeship &

journeymen upgrade training center in the IUPAT!

More information on COE and their process and standards can be found at the Council's website: www.council.org.

The Finishing Trades Institutes will be ready to assist all members who are interested in improving their educational standing. Do not hesitate to call or email us so that we can be of service.

Email: office@ftichi.org
Website: www.FTICHI.org
Phone: (708) 449-5282





Rebuilding Together

Metro-Chicago

Painters' District Council 14 partnered once again with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago for their Annual Day of Action in April. Rebuilding Together is a premier nonprofit organization which focuses on specific neighborhoods each year to help low-income homeowners with much needed home repairs.

This year Rebuilding Together chose homes in Englewood (Chicago) and South Suburban Park Forest. PDC #14 members that volunteered for the Day of Action helped patch, paint and repair over 16 homes. DC #14 Apprenticeship also joined in efforts to help by donating and setting up each home with equipment, tools and sundries to perform the job. Sign Painters Local 830 produced and provided all the banners.

By focusing on specific neighborhoods each year and collaborating with other community revitalization initiatives, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago has been able to maximize and sustain its positive impact on the lives of local community residents. Their local affiliates and nearly 100,000 volunteers complete about 10,000 rebuild projects nationwide each year.

National Rebuilding Day was such an amazing day! Thank you to all the VOLUNTEERS making a difference in people's lives.

Sam Szczelaszczyk

Kassandra Dineen

Jenna Quintana

Rachel Harris

Samuel Garcia

Alexander Granadon

Gustavo Sanchez Segovia

Jacob Lucansky

Oscar Soto Villegas

Jason Wallace

John Kiriakakis

Norm Jacobsen

Juan Figueroa

Dakota Mc Nulty

Sandra Huerta

Celia Arreola

Tyler Nelson

Francisco Contreras

Nick Sklivagos

Enrique Campos

Michael Quaid

Christian Contreras

John Mitchell

Michael Schaaf

Alex Huff

Cynthia Avalos

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Nataly Delgado

Vionca Solis

Martin Morales

Victor Lagunas

Connie Gonzalez

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Hope Liddell

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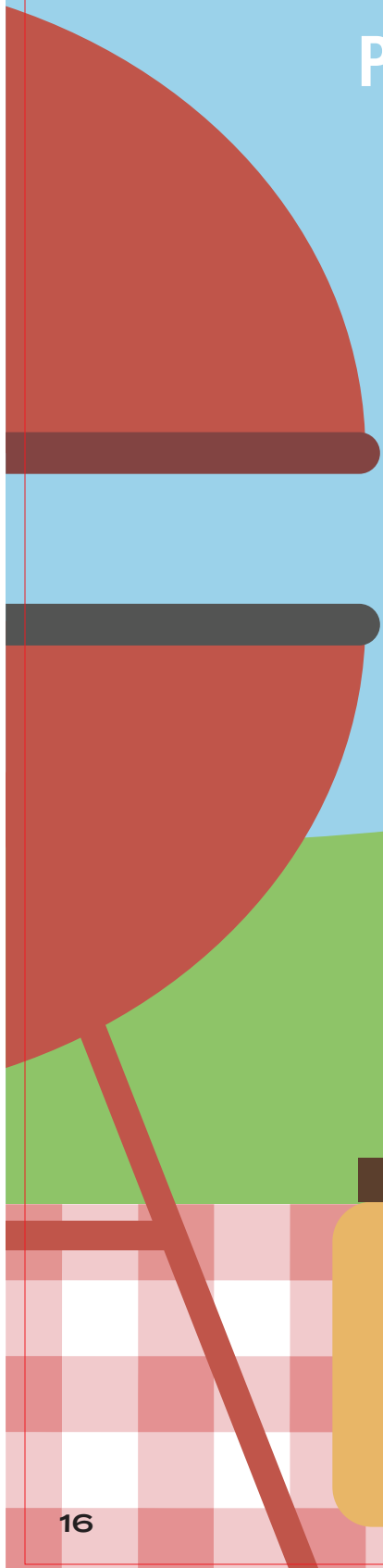
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PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 14 ANNUAL

PICNIC

2024





For the second year in a row the Annual Painters District Council Picnic was held at The Forge at Lemont Quarries. After discovering this adventure park, we decided to rent it out and change locations from the picnic grove for more activities and fun for our members and their families. The Forge adventure park included axe throwing, cycling, paddle boats, row boats, kids adventure park, walking trails, biking trails, kayaking, fishing and more. Our members and families from all age groups enjoyed all the outdoor park activities and the beautiful weather. The weather was nothing short of perfect!

Over 1,200 members and their families attended this year's event. Our volunteers began the morning by setting up all the grills, tables, and food tents. Our guy's grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, Italian Sausage, Brats and corn to enjoy. The day was full of food, sweet treats, live music, and refreshments for all.

We also had many of our affiliates donate to our event. Thank you to all the sponsors for their time and contributions. Every year their participation includes giveaways, services and helpful information for the members.

The success of the Picnic would not be possible without the volunteers. Thank you to all the members, apprentices and staff that volunteered their time and efforts. They went above and beyond to set up, prepare the food and make sure that the event ran smoothly. Their hard work made this event memorable.

We hope to increase the number of member attendance next year. The feedback that was received from the event was positive and very favorable. We are happy to see members and their families enjoy this event every year and hope to see new faces at the next picnic.

Hope to see you next summer at the Annual 2025 picnic.





GLAZIERS UNION LOCAL 27

STAR 2022 & 2023 AWARDS

The STAR 2022 Banquet was held on September 18th, 2023 and the STAR 2023 Banquet was held on June 10th 2024. Both events were held at Manzo's Banquets in Des Plaines, IL. with over 100 members participating in each event.

All participants must be a Journeyman member in good standing. To qualify for the STAR Program banquet and door prize, members must participate in one 8-hour Journeyman Upgrade or Safety Class. To be eligible for STAR raffle prizes, members must participate in both an 8-hour Journeyman Upgrade class and an 8-hour Journeyman Safety class. To be eligible for the Grand Prize, members must also have completed or be currently enrolled in our Welding Program.

2022 STAR participants received a custom engraved Local 27 STAR 30 oz Yeti mug as a door prize and 2023 STAR participants received custom embroidered Local 27 STAR hats and beanies as a door prize. Each event had over 100 additional prizes awarded, including \$5,000.00, \$1000.00 and \$500.00 cash checks. The Grand Prize for the 2022 STAR Banquet was a brand new 2023 Chevy Travers RS 4x4 and the Grand Prize for the 2023 STAR Banquet was a brand new 2024 GMC Sierra 4x4.

2022 STAR BANQUET PRIZE WINNERS



2023 Chevy Traverse

\$5,000 Check	Andrew Mahoney
\$5,000 Check	Warren Ginn
\$1,000 Check	Gino Sineni
\$1,000 Check	Terry Sweeney
\$1,000 Check	Kevin Osborne
\$1,000 Check	Elias Garcia
\$1,000 Check	Jason Jarosik
\$1,000 Check	John Magierski
\$500 Southwest Gift Card	Rick Ruzas
\$100 Pinstripes Gift Card	Ruben Cordoba
Husqvarna 2K Pressure Washer	Bill Burlage
Ninja 12pc Cookware Set	Alan Runia
Ninja Blender Ultimate	Eduardo Antonio
Ion Pathfinder Go Speaker	Marek Makowiecki
Sharper Image Massage Gun	Andrew Mahoney
Bears Hard Arm Bag Chair	Cliff McFarland
Schmidt 6pc BBQ Knife Set	Mike Martin
KitchenAid 6 Quart Stand Mixer	Kevin Sheeran
Sony Soundbar w/subwoofer	Sean O'Donnell
Ninja Air Fryer	Matt Walter
Cat Lithium PowerStation	Jose Zapata
Delsey Paris 2pc Luggage Set	Ahmet Acik
HP Chromebook	Chris Merrick
Yeti Tundra 45 Can Cooler	Chuck Yzaguirre
Callaway Maverick Driver	Chris Maldonado
Odyssey Stroke Lab Putter	Ryan Olson
Coleman Portable Grill (Roadtrip)	Socrates Sanandres
Quest Quad Folding Wagon	Joseph Buhay
Maxfli Performance Golf Net	Brian Zaleski
Specialized Hybrid Bicycle	Jake Burlage
Weber Spirit 3-Burner Grill	Matt Simon
Master Built Electric Smoker	Tim Thoms
Nexgrill Ora Pizza Oven	Steve Brown

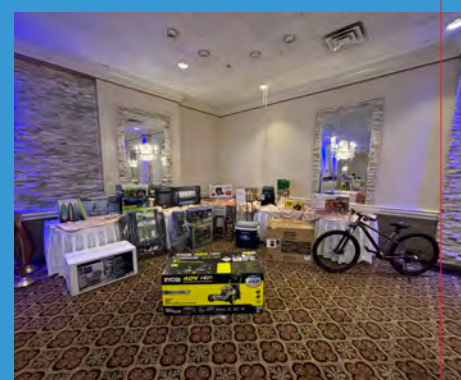
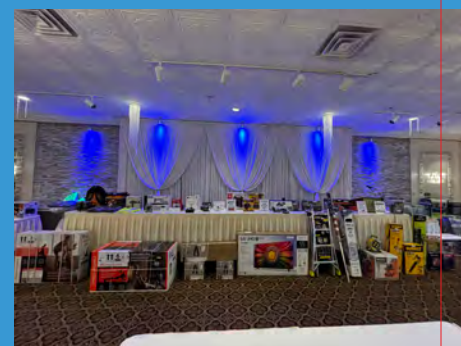
Dewalt 20V Batter Lawn Mower	Sam Kacerovskis
Dewalt 20V String Trimmer	George Osha
Rigid 6 Gallon Shop Vac	Rick Seilheimer
Dewalt 20V Batter Leaf Blower	Tim Storey
Ryobi 40V Hedge Trimmer	John Dewey
Apple AirPods	Kalvin Grove
Apple Watch SE	Vince Lencioni
Oculus Quest 128 GB VR	Joe Culich
Ipad 10.2 in.	Fernando Vargas
LG 55" 4k UHD LED TV	Dominick Pangallo
Cordless Shark Stick Vacuum	Daniel Rosado
Cuisinart Coffee Center/Maker	Josh Stella
Ring Doorbell Battery Power	Louie Velasquez
Ring Spotlight Cam	Jim Vallely
Ranger Hover Board	Ray Sullivan
Lodge 5pc Cast Iron Set	Isaiah Gordon
SOG Pro Combo Kit (Blades)	Damian Fash
Bass Pro 10x9 Dome Tent	Dave Schaller
V Series Canopy 12x12	Hector Valdivia
Flueger/Berkley Rod and Reel	Scott Billinge
Kayak w/Paddle	Basher Dankha
Solo Stove Fire Pit	Jim Wedryk
\$200 Amazon Gift Card	Oswaldo Villegas
\$200 Costco Gift Card	Saul Cabral
Igloo Rolling Cooler	Mark Maltase
GWC Cooler	Tony Moskos
Megent Financial Yet Cooler	Josh Devera
Klein Tool Backpack	Jesse Delgado
Klein Tool Backpack	Scott Merrick
Klein Cooler (Lunchbox)	Dan Creamer
Glaziers Green Bomber Jacket	Chad Brown
Glaziers Green Bomber Jacket	Keith Thorgren
Glaziers Green Zip-up Sweatshirt	Nik Ruzas
Glaziers Blue Polo Shirt	Tom Tracy

2023 STAR BANQUET PRIZE WINNERS



2024 GMC Sierra 4 x 4

\$5,000 Check	Alan Runia	Tobin Sports - Inflatable Kayak	Josh Stella
\$1,000 Check	Timothy Thoms	Igloo - 62 Qt Rolling Cooler	Mike Scardina
\$1,000 Check	Javier Esparza	Husqvarna - Electric Power Washer	Zach Fouts
\$1,000 Check	Joe Culich	Oral B - Electric Toothbrush Set	Tom Tracy
\$1,000 Check	Socrates Sanandres	Delsey - 2 pc Luggage Set	Raymond Sullivan
\$1,000 Check	Bill Burlage	\$500 Southwest Gift Card	Mike Ryan
\$1,000 Check	Fernando Vargas	Weber - Spirit Gas Grill	Socrates Sanandres
\$500 Check	Justin Contant	Pebble Beach - Golf Bag	Mike Ruzas
\$500 Check	Jim Wedryk	Rigid - Shop Vac	Isaiah Gordon
\$500 Check	Rick Ruzas	Dewalt - 20V Leaf Blower	Chris Angelino
\$500 Check	Mike Martin	Ryobi - 40V Hedge Trimmer	William Kobiec
\$500 Check	Mark Maltase	Dewalt - 14" String Trimmer	Jason Ceriale
CAT - Auto Jumpstart Kit	Marco Diaz	American Flag Kit	Osvaldo Villegas
Pro Trainer - Exercise Bike	Tim Seilheimer	Nexgrill - Ora Pizza Oven	Elias Barkho
Phantom - Electric Scooter	Steve Brown	Ion - Pathfinder Go Outdoor Speaker	Jack Zydek
Pro Trainer - Row Machine	Chris Torgus	CAT - Ratchet Strap Set	John Magierski
Blackstone - Griddle	Emilio Rivera	Ring - Door Bell	Chris Merrick
Centr - Dumbbell Set	Basher Dankha	Bose - Soundlink Speaker	Jonathan Quintana
Sharper Image - Massage Gun	Alex Pakula	Apple - IPAD	Jim Vallely
Ninja - Possible Cooker Pro	Josh Devera	Apple - Watch	Cory Cunningham
Solo Stove - Outdoor Fire Pit	Adam Garcia	Apple - AirPods	Marek Makowiecki
Folding Wagon w/ Brakes	Don Christman	Nintendo - Switch	Scott Merrick
Ninja - Flex Basket Air Fryer	Keith Thorgren	Masterbuilt - Electric Smoker	Kevin Osborne
Shark - Pro Vac Cordless Vac	George Osha	Echo - Chainsaw	Sean O'Donnell
Ninja - Pro Blender	Douglas Barnes	Gorilla - Ladder	Daniel Villafuerte
Ninja - Dual Brew Coffee Maker	Chris Addleman	LG = 55" Smart HDTV	Alan Runia
Titan - Backpack Cooler	Mike Melicharek	Ryobi - 40V Battery Lawnmower	Warren Ginn
Lou Malnati's Gift Card - \$100	Chris Petro	Mongoose - Mountain Bike	David Schaller
Peet - Boot Dryer	Louie Velasquez	Cobra Golf -Driver	Ryan Olson
Top Golf Gift Card - \$100	Sam Kacerovskis	Cobra Golf -Putter	Clayton Nowaczyk
Pinstripes Gift Card - \$100	Luis Cebollero	Sahara - Fishing Rod/Reel Combo	Ryan Smedick
BodyGlove - Paddleboard	Karl Swanson	Micro BC421 - Trail Camera	Warren Ginn
Tommy Bahama - Outdoor Cooler	Ed Cushing	Lodge - 5pc Cook set	Eduardo Antonio
Core Equip. - 6 Person Tent	Nik Ruzas	Cirrus - Blue Canopy	Brian Zaleski
Ecobee - Thermostat	Joel Velasquez	Oakley - Sunglasses	Joshua Andrea
Timer Ridge - Zero Gravity Chair	Jake Burlage	Pro 6.0 - Hunting Knife Set	Ian Hunnicutt
Blink - Home Security Cam 3pk	Steve Colbert	Jacket Black - L	Dan Creamer



Organizing Directors Report

Brothers and sisters of DC14,

The last time I wrote an article was to highlight the outgoing Director of Organizing Mark O'Donnell. Since his departure the Organizing Department has undergone some slight direction changes and focus. While we still continue to monitor elevated water tanks, the shift to do the same with other public works sectors has begun. Compiling data is usually our first step and biggest priority. This helps us identify who the bad contractors are and what the best course to take when dealing with them. Currently we are looking into Public School work and other municipal projects, i.e. Libraries, Public Housing, Police stations, light poles, fire hydrants and public park projects. Unfortunately, much of the public sector work outside of the Public Schools are done non-union. The fortunate part is that the Organizing Department is confident this can be turned around with many of the tactics we have employed with the industrial water tanks.

What does this mean for you and the contractor you work for? Well, when we can level the playing field for contractors by weeding out scab contractors, union contractors have a greater chance to be awarded that work. This in turn we hope will increase the work hours for you, our members. This is never easy as I may make it out to be, it takes focus, tenacity, and follow through. The great news is our Organizing Department has established a system to keep us on track, so we do expect to see growth in these areas.

Our focus on Public Work Projects also helps keep a close eye on the all the funding being allocated by the 1 Trillion Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Bill, which was signed by President Biden in November of 2021. The Bill has created massive and long overdue infrastructure work across the Country. The funding is set to be distributed over the next five years; the work however is projected to take place over the next 10 years. Along with that the Chips Act was passed by the Biden Administration as well. The act invests \$280 billion to bolster US semiconductor capacity within the U.S. The means various Chip plants will be built across the country and will require a massive amount of worker demand to build them.

Lastly, the Organizing Department is eager to start targeting the private sector single family home residential market. As many of you may remember DC14 contractors had quite a bit of work in that market. However, when the housing market crisis happened in the early 2000's private residential

work plummeted and ultimately our union's market share fell with it. The opportunity for our union contractors to regain this market has been developed. A new residential rate and along with it a Collective Bargaining Agreement has been created. It is an aggressive package that if successful will help us to gain a foothold in the market.

Much more is in the works within the Organizing Department and although we often have to shift focus to other matters We will continue to move forward with all we have planned. To help with all of this a new Organizer has been added to our roster. DC14 and the Organizing Department would like to welcome brother Travis Ter Haar from Local 830 to our staff. Thank you to all you members out there who help keep us informed on scab contractors. Please keep it up and stay safe out there.

In Solidarity,

AL Barraza
DC14 Director of Organizing





6th Annual Painters District Council 14 and Celestial Ministries Association Partnership 2024

Thank you, District Council #14 members and Allies, for your continuing support in our Christmas Angel tree partnership with the Celestial Ministry Association.

Once again, we came together during the holiday season to support children and families of the incarcerated, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment to this meaningful cause.

Celestial Ministries Angel Tree Prison Fellowship, which supports kids in Chicago communities in North Lawndale Community, we also extend our support to families in Austin, Garfield, Little Village, and Englewood whose parents are incarcerated. In Cook County alone, more than 37,000 children in the past six months have experienced losing a parent to incarceration. These children are impacted greatly by their parents' incarceration; a prison sentence can lead to distance and strain between a prisoner and their family. At Christmas, the emotional pain of a loved one's incarceration grows even more intense;

the distance is felt by children and parents alike. To support family connection, particularly during the holidays, Angel Tree Prison Fellowship gives incarcerated parents a way to provide a Christmas gift and a personal message, delivered by caring local volunteers, as a tangible representation of their love.

This year we had over 800 applicants for Angel's tree Prison Fellowship, and we reached our goal to provide gifts to these children that range from newborn to the age of 16.

If you would like to read more about this organization and programs they have started, you can go to the co-founders, Stanley & Antoinette Ratliff's website at www.celestialmin.org.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child/children or volunteering in the future, please reach out to Helen Chung at 312.4210046 or Helenchung@pdc14.com.



Thank you for your supporting Painters' District Council #14 C.O.R.E. program and Celestial Ministries' Annual Angel Tree. Together, we have made a difference in bringing joy and hope to many families this past holiday season.

Best wishes to you and your family!

C.O.R.E. Program



AGMT CERTIFICATION

AND GLAZIERS UNION LOCAL 27 MEMBERS

In the Falls of 2023 and 2024, select Glaziers' Local 27 Members began preparing for the Architectural Glass and Metal Technician (AGMT) Certification. The AGMT Certification, which is ANSI accredited, is designed to validate the knowledge, skills, and abilities of an experienced Glazier. Candidates must pass an assessment which is divided into two tests, a knowledge-based test (KBT) and a Performance-based test (PBT).

The candidates were assessed on their knowledge of the glazing trade during a KBT prep class and registered to take the exam. In the Summers of 2023 and 2024, a KBT was conducted at the Glaziers Local 27 Training Facility. A total of 20 members tested and all 19 successfully passed the KBT (written portion).

After successful completion of the KBT, members began training for the PBT by taking a minimum of 16 hours of training at the school. In late October 2023 and 2024, a PBT was held concurrently with DC 30, with 20 of our members who had previously completed the KBT. All 20 members passed the PBT and became fully certified AGMT Glaziers!

As of October 2024, we are proud to report that Glaziers Local 27 has 65 members who carry the full AGMT Certification and 12 members who are half-way there as they have passed the KBT and are waiting to take the PBT. To date, Glaziers Local 27 has the highest pass rate in the country with an astonishing 98% pass rate for both KBT and PBT tests. Congratulations to the hard-working members of Glaziers Local 27.

NEWLY AGMT CERTIFIED

October 2023

Chris Addleman
Israel Cabral Sr.
Jason Ceriale
Justin Contant
Marco Diaz
Ian Hunnicutt
Mike Melicharek
Clay Nowaczyk
Nikolas Ruzas
Socrates Sanandres
Tim Seilheimer
Chris Torgus

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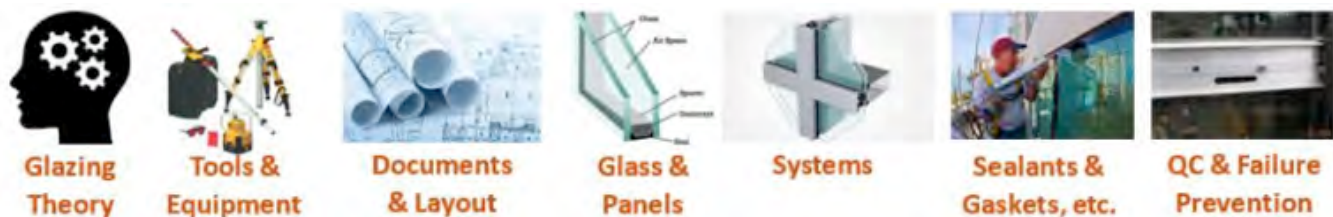
October 2024

Chris Broome
Billy Brown
Luis Cebollero
Adam Conwell
Mathew Domanski
Jeff Menear
Jonathan Quintana
Matt Simon



INTRODUCTION: The Architectural Glass & Metal Technician (AGMT) program is a ANSI accredited personnel certification process featuring a third-party, independent assessment of a glazier's knowledge and ability. AGMT tests experienced glaziers' fundamental knowledge, skills, and abilities through written and hands-on assessments.

GLAZING TECHNICIAN COMPETENCIES: There are 7 major categories that are assessed by the AGMT Certification Program.



PROGRAM PREREQUISITES: The AGMT Certification is designed to validate the knowledge, skills, and abilities of an experienced glazier. In order to become an candidate for certification, and applicant must first meet the below Prerequisites:

- Read and sign the **AGMT Candidate Agreement**
- Possess **OSHA 10** certification or higher
- Submit a **Photo** of applicant
- Demonstrate at least **7,500 hours** of glazing related **work experience**

ACHIEVING CERTIFICATION: In addition to meeting the programs Prerequisites, candidates must pass an assessment to become AGMT-certified. The assessment is divided into two tests, a Knowledge-based test (KBT) and a Performance-based test (PBT).

KNOWLEDGE-BASED (KBT): The knowledge-based test is a 125-question, multiple choice test for which candidate will have 2 hours to complete.

PERFORMANCE-BASED TEST (PBT): The performance-based test is broken into three (3) separately timed Sections.

- Curtainwall (3-1/2 hour time limit)
- Storefront/Entrance (2 hour time limit)
- Sealants (45 minute time limit)

BE RECOGNIZED FOR
YOUR EXPERIENCE,
KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS,
AND ABILITIES

THE AGMT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM PROVIDES THE
INDUSTRY WITH A MUCH NEEDED TOOL TO RECOGNIZE
THE MOST QUALIFIED ARCHITECTURAL GLASS AND
METAL TECHICIANS.

The information provided above is a brief overview of key elements of the AGMT Certification Program. For complete detail, Please see the AGMT Candidate Handbook @ agmtprogram.com.



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11 A.M. - 3 P.M.**



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