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Gearing up for Graduation with Garry Carter

Emily Spitzer

Even though The Apprentice School Graduation only lasts for a few hours, a year of planning goes into the event. Apprentice Instructor, Mr. Garry Carter has been planning the event for the past three years. He enlists the help of Ms. "Liz" Moriarty as well as the current ASSA President (this year it was Vernon Hall).

Mr. Carter has to take many things into consideration while planning the graduation. He has to keep up with the apprentices who are in the final year of their apprenticeship in order to plan for the

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Tugboat in Tennis Shoes

Cynthia Newton Smith

Have you ever seen a tugboat in tennis shoes? You would have, had you been at the Ferguson Center the morning of Graduation. Tugboats are quite tiny although without them, there would be many ships not moving. Like a mighty little tugboat, Mrs. "Liz" Moriarty has been the force behind the "Apprentice Ship". From 7am Saturday morning until 7pm when everyone else had gone home, Liz must have gone 20 miles up and down the aisles and through the halls of the Ferguson Center, organizing the day's festivities and then breaking everything down and boxing it up when it was all over.



Preparing for Graduation is not something to take lightly. It starts in May, the summer before. Liz must first

schedule it on a weekend that Mike Petters will be available to attend. Once the date is on the calendar, she contacts the Ferguson Center to get a contract started. By late June, early July the contract is signed. After her first Apprentice graduation, three years ago, which fell on a Friday, she suggested that Saturdays would be better for everyone. It would give out-of-town families time to arrive after working Friday while giving the faculty and students time to prepare Saturday morning. So far, she's been right.

Liz likes accomplishing tasks by spreading them out and doing them a little at a time. An example of this is her fitting students for caps and gowns. One by one, depending on the date a student enters his or her apprenticeship, Liz has fitted

each and every graduate for his or her cap and gown every month of the year. She found that choosing to fit each student, one at a time, throughout the year, makes it so much easier than fitting everyone all at once right before graduation. She definitely has a real talent for finding effective ways to make things work more smoothly. While interviewing Dr. Hughes, he emphasized more than once what an integral role she plays pulling together our graduation ceremonies.

Thanks to the hard work and true dedication by Liz Moriarty along with a number of faculty and students helping behind the scenes, the graduating class of 2008 experienced a beautiful Saturday ceremony on February 21, 2009. As it's been said before, "Great things come in small packages". So, it's only safe to say: Without Liz's mighty push, we might be out there, somewhere, stuck on a sandbar.

Dedication, Inspiration, and Celebration

By Frances Maston, X15

Before they met at the Ferguson Center to commemorate their academic achievement by receiving their diplomas, the Apprentice School faculty, staff, graduates and their friends and family met at North River Baptist Church for their baccalaureate service. The baccalaureate service has its roots in the medieval tradition of presenting candidates for a bachelor's degree with laurels (bacca + lauri). The ceremony has evolved into, as Dr. Leber called it, "a ceremony of worship in celebration of a life dedicated to wisdom, learning, and humility." The ceremony included readings from graduates, and musical performances by Shirley Smith-King, Chris Bryans, and the 4th Day Band. The 4th Day Band included in



its membership David Adams, an Outside Machinist graduate from the class of 1984. The guest speaker of the event was Reverend Bill Warrick, Senior Pastor of Williamsburg Community Chapel. His address to the graduates was filled with anecdotes and sage advice gathered from his own days of education. The most memorable of which, to me, is the adage he gave to the apprentices. He said. "If you squeeze a lemon, you always get lemon juice. If you squeeze an orange, you always get orange juice. If you squeeze a person, you never know what you'll get – but whatever you get, that's what they're full of." The ceremony was followed by a luncheon for the attending graduates before they made their way over to the day's grand event.

"Graduation for me was the culmination of 5 years of hard work. The journey was difficult yet extremely rewarding and I am proud to join the alumni ranks. I would tell current apprentices to take pride in their work and take advantage of the opportunities afforded to them as an Apprentice and the rest will fall into place."

Kareem Solomon

E27 - Hull Outfitting, Designer II, Auto-Cad Coordinator

"Focus on the positive, always. Keep in mind why you are here. You want to help defend the country, pay off some bills, take care of your family, get paid to go to school, or you simply want to learn new skills. Whichever reason it is, always remember the reason and the strength to endure will come overcome the difficulty."

Lee Jenkins

X75 Production Planner

"Mike Peters Commencement Speech"

Carlton Ballard, X11



Shipbuilding President Mike Peters started his commencement address off by welcoming the 194 Apprentice School graduates. He noted in his speech that he has two favorite shipbuilding events. One is the Master Shipbuilders banquet where he recognizes those shipbuilders who have 40 or more years of continuous service. The other event is the Apprentice School graduation. He went on to share the stories of a few of the graduates. As Apprentice graduates you may be put in a position to lead. It may be a project, team, division, or even the company. Mike Peters stated, as Apprentice graduates you are the future of Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding. In closing he replied, "What you do - the steps that you take – will help determine our future. Seeing you here tonight, knowing how much you've already accomplished – I'm confident that we have a really bright future indeed!"

I work in E63 Wireways, Carrier Overhaul and New Construction. "After five years of juggling work, classes, and studying, while raising my three children, it was one of my proudest moments to walk across the stage and receive my advanced diploma from The Apprentice School. All of my hard work was to help better my children's lives and to show them that education does make a difference."

Edith "Miss-E" Sailes, E63 Electrical Marine Designer

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correct number of graduates. This year, 194 apprentices walked across the stage (an unusually large number), and special plans had to be made to seat their family and friends. Mr. Carter and his team decided to allot tickets to the graduates so the Ferguson Center would not be overcrowded.

Over the years Mr. Carter has made other improvements to the graduation process. This year the graduates purchased their caps and gowns instead of renting them. After doing much research, the planning team found that purchasing the set would cost the graduates only a few more dollars, and they would have the gown to keep for sentimental value. Another advantage is that after the ceremony is over, Mr. Carter does not have to organize a group of volunteers to collect the cap and gowns to return to the rental company. One of his goals is to make graduation day run as smoothly as possible for the graduates.

Mr. Carter's motivation does not only stem from a desire to create order from chaos, but it also comes from the relationships he has built with the apprentices. He has taught at The Apprentice School for almost five years, and he estimates that he has taught 30% of the graduates that walked this year. He has "tremendous respect for what students have to juggle" such as family life, work, and school. Graduation is a proud day not only for the students, but it is also a proud day for teachers like Mr. Carter who helped them and grew to know them along the way.

Dr. Leber's Thoughts on Graduation and The Apprentice School

Cynthia Newton Smith



Stacks of organized papers, a freshly brewed pot of coffee and Dr. Leber's warm smile welcomed me as I stepped into his office in The Apprentice School Building. Dr. Leber, the Director of Education and Workforce Development at the Apprentice School, loves his job and loves seeing Apprentices do well. This year's

graduating class has been no exception. He beamed as he reflected on the 2008 graduates. "Graduation was great. Everyone was on time, the weather was great. It went really well." He was so pleased with how incredibly well this class had done. With so many attending their graduation ceremony and with so many award recipients, he could not have been more proud. He marveled at the 40% of the class graduating Advanced. He was grateful to all the faculty, staff and student support making the day so successful. Looking forward into the future graduation ceremony planning, he mentioned his concern with finding a bigger facility for more graduates and their supporting family members. He's also looking forward to building the new classroom facility in 2010. Dr. Leber emphasized how we are the premiere apprentice school and how no other apprentice program does all that we do. During this interview, he also told me the fascinating story of Mr. Huntington and the Ship Yard. Listening to him tell the story of the shipyard was like being a child in circle time listening to great story teller. I suggest every Apprentice taking a moment to meet Dr. Leber if they have not already. The lessons and stories that he has to give are pieces of advice that each of us needs to carry with us. It is the legacy of the apprentice.

AWARD WINNERS

Niels Christiansen Craftsmanship Award

To graduates who excelled in craftsmanship presented by **Danny W. Hunley**, Vice President, Operations and Trades, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Newport News



Andrew Morris Causey
Paul Lee Houk
Norris Rodgers Nixon
Willard Dwayne Paul
Patrick Shane Waltrip

W.R. Phillips, Jr. Award

To outstanding graduates from the Design and Production Planning programs presented by **D. Scott Stabler**, Sector Vice President, Supply Chain Management, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding



Randolph Davis Hall
Eric Christopher Kilner



Charles F. Bailey Award

To the graduate with the highest scholastic average in required courses presented by **Barbara A. Niland**, Sector Vice President of Business Management and Chief Financial Officer, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding

Nishon Kareem Carter
Daniel Lee Chattin
Tristan Thomas Phillips
Downey
Lee Derrick Jenkins
Eric Christopher Kilner
Dennis Christian Knutson, Jr.
Sean Patrick McCallep

David Kenneth McCulloch
Joseph Isaac Meredith
Thomas Earl Mock
Justin Lee Novak
Nicholas Roc Phillips
Donald Edward Rickerson III
Ruel Edward Scott, Jr.
Stephen Scott Scovill



G. Guy Via Award

To the graduate with the highest scholastic average in optional advanced courses presented by **Rebecca A. Stewart**, Vice President, Submarines and Fleet

Support, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Newport News

Daniel Lee Chattin
Eric Christopher Kilner
Dennis Christian Knutson, Jr.

Sean Patrick McCallep
Nicholas Roc Phillips
Donald Edward Rickerson III

APPRENTICE SCHOOL GRADUATES 2008

Melinda Lynn Adkins*

Marine Designer, Sunbury, NC

Ayodele Oluwa-Toyosin Akiode

Electrician, Bronx, NY

Alan Christopher Anderson*

Marine Designer, Hampton, VA

Douglas Craig Ashworth

Heating and Air Conditioning Worker

Newport News, VA

Chad Warner Bailey

Maintenance Electrician,

Newport News, VA

Joshua Herbert Baker*

Outside Machinist, Williamsburg, VA

Jacob Ryan Ballard-Spitzer

Pipefitter, Hampton, VA

Phillip Apostolos Baltzis*

Pipefitter, Hampton, VA

Timothy Terrell Banks

Painter-Insulator, Newport News, VA

Charles Lamont Barlow

Sheet Metal Worker, Chesapeake, VA

Donté Jamaal Barnes*

Shipfitter, Chesapeake, VA

Lucas Allen Bass

Shipfitter, Whitville, NC

Joseph Anthony Bassani

Electrician, Hampton, VA

Karron Trinic Bazemore

Rigger, Windsor, NC

Charles Antonio Beamont*

Painter-Insulator, Sunbury, NC

William Edgar Brian Beasley

Shipfitter, Suffolk, VA

Cassidy Elaine Bishop*

Marine Designer, Franklin, VA

David Lewis Blunt

Shipfitter, Newport News, VA

Steven Scott Bohannon

Pipefitter, Mathews, VA

Stephen Michael Bonneau*

Shipfitter, Williamsburg, VA

Alex Ray Booth

Shipfitter, Poquoson, VA

Brian Joseph Bowman

Machinist, Hampton, VA

Jason Andrew Boyce*

Shipfitter, Hampton, VA

Adam David-Paul Bridwell

Outside Machinist, Gloucester, VA

Benjamin Lee Brown

Machinist, Newport News, VA

Earl Tremayne Brown*

Pipefitter, Hampton, VA

Joseph Jewon Bruce

Rigger, Americus, GA

Anthony Cochise Bryant, Sr.

Rigger, Roanoke, VA

Michael Che'von Burris

Shipfitter, Goose Creek, SC

Cametrice Le'Andra Butcher

Electrician, Chesapeake, VA

Rafael Marcell Bynum

Shipfitter, Franklin, VA

Joseph Francis Campbell II

Millwright, Chesapeake, VA

Tony Andre Canada

Welder, Jasper, AL

Melinda Lynn Adkins*

Marine Designer, Sunbury, NC

Ayodele Oluwa-Toyosin Akiode

Electrician, Bronx, NY

Alan Christopher Anderson*

Marine Designer, Hampton, VA

Douglas Craig Ashworth

Heating and Air Conditioning Worker

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Outside Machinist, Gloucester, VA

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Earl Tremayne Brown*

Pipefitter, Hampton, VA

Joseph Jewon Bruce

Rigger, Americus, GA

Anthony Cochise Bryant, Sr.

Rigger, Roanoke, VA

Michael Che'von Burris

Shipfitter, Goose Creek, SC

Cametrice Le'Andra Butcher

Electrician, Chesapeake, VA

Rafael Marcell Bynum

Shipfitter, Franklin, VA

Joseph Francis Campbell II

Millwright, Chesapeake, VA

**Tony Andre Canada**

Welder, Jasper, AL

Joshua Allen Cantrell

Shipfitter, Hampton, VA

Nishon Kareem Carter*

Sheet Metal Worker, Hopewell, VA

Scott Daniel Cash

Heavy Metal Fabricator, Newport News, VA

Tomerris Jarrod Cato-Dixon

Welder, Florence, SC

Andrew Morris Causey

Millwright, Poquoson, VA

Shawn Maurice Chapman

Sheet Metal Worker, King William, VA

Daniel Lee Chattin*

Marine Designer, Newport News, VA

Warren Lee Cherry, Jr.

Welder, Norfolk, VA

Joshua Landon Cobb

Electrician, Poquoson, VA

Aaron Wayne Cole

Pipefitter, Hampton, VA

Vernando Terrez Coleman

Millwright, Augusta, GA

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Maintenance Electrician,

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Pipefitter, Ashville, PA

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Sheet Metal Worker, Suffolk, VA

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Harding Epps II

Shipfitter, Stone Mountain, GA

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Electrician, Buena Vista, VA

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Crystal Leigh Holderfield*
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Creel Montrel Holloway
Pipefitter, Norfolk, VA
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Paul Lee Houk
Welder, Youngstown, OH
Jeffrey Scott Hunt*
Marine Designer, Poquoson, VA
Vincent Glen Ishom*
Marine Designer, Chesapeake, VA
Timothy Dean Jarrell*
Marine Designer, Smithfield, VA
Lee Derrick Jenkins*
Production Planner, Santa Maria, CA
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Heating and Air Conditioning Worker,
Chesapeake, VA
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Marine Designer, Glendale, OR
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Electrician, Hampton, VA
Eric Christopher Kilner*
Marine Designer, Batavia, NY
Nathan Allen Kline
Rigger, Hampton, VA
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Marine Designer, San Diego, CA
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Whitney Devona Lassiter*
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Marine Designer, Charleston, SC
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Eric Matthew Lybarger
Electrician, Camby, IN
Joseph Edward Maben
Maintenance Pipefitter, Hampton, VA
Lori Anne Mann
Painter-Insulator, Hampton, VA
Matthew Glenn Marshall
Pipefitter, Gloucester, VA
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Shipfitter, Chicopee, MA
Christopher Lynn Matthews *
Marine Designer, Como, NC
Sean Patrick McCallep*
Millwright, Auburn Hills, MI
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Marine Designer, Grafton, VA
David Kenneth McCulloch*
Marine Designer, Newport News, VA
Bryan Robert McDonald
Electrician, Joplin, MO
Gregory James McLaurin II
Electrician, Hampton, VA
Joseph Isaac Meredith*

Marine Designer, Colorado Springs, CO
Christopher John Metcalf*
Pipefitter, Cheyenne, WY
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Machinist, Belmont, NC
Thomas Earl Mock *
Marine Designer, Newport News, VA
Claiborne Scott Moore
Outside Machinist, Hampton, VA
Jeremy Scott Morrison*
Welder, Newport News, VA
Travis Recarto Moultrie*
Pipefitter, Orangeburg, SC
Saud Abdullah Muhammad
Heating and Air Conditioning Worker,
Philadelphia, PA
John Leon Murawski II*
Production Planner, Syracuse, NY
Alexander Vincent Nelson*
Shipfitter, Hampton, VA
William Paul Newton
Electrician, Norfolk, VA
Earnest DeWayne Nimmo
Outside Machinist, Norfolk, VA
Clinton Matthew Nixon
Electrician, Tucson, AZ
Norris Rodgers Nixon
Pipefitter, Barhamsville, VA
Justin Lee Novak*
Dimensional Control Technician,
Millbrook, AL
Jason Edward Osley
Pipefitter, Yorktown, VA
Patrick Sebastian Parizo
Pipefitter, Bennington, VT
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Production Planner, San Antonio, TX
Willard Dwayne Paul*
Electrician, Oakdale, LA
Timothy Earnest Paulin*
Marine Designer, Norfolk, VA
Kevin Edward Peebles
Pipefitter, Lawrenceville, VA
Michael DeWayne Perry
Shipfitter, Norfolk, VA
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Rigger, Parkman, OH
Nicolas Roc Phillips*
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Welder, Stuart, VA
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Henry Duncan Richardson, Sr.

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Pipefitter, Suffolk, VA
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Joseph Carroll Satterfield*
Marine Designer, Hampton, VA
Reuben Leon Saunders
Sheet Metal Worker, Kilmarnock, VA
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Welder, West Portsmouth, OH
James Ryan Scott
Sheet Metal Worker, Rescue, VA
Tony Demetrius Scott*
Outside Machinist, Norfolk, VA
Gregory Leigh Scott, Jr.
Painter-Insulator, Portsmouth, VA
Ruel Edward Scott, Jr.*
Marine Designer, Portsmouth, VA
Steven Scott Scovill*
Marine Designer, Gloucester, VA
William Parmenter Sims, Jr.
Maintenance Electrician, Franklin, VA
Kyle Thomas Simmons
Welder, Pensacola, FL
Armazlo Tennale Smith*
Pipefitter, Franklin, VA
Kareem Mali Solomon*
Marine Designer, Hampton, VA
Ryan David Soutl
Sheet Metal Worker, Yorktown, VA
Brad Garnett Spinner
Sheet Metal Worker, Lynchburg, VA
Walter Thomas Stanford
Shipfitter, Norfolk, VA
David Klaus Stovall*
Marine Designer, Poquoson, VA
Wyatt Allen Sweeney
Sheet Metal Worker, Newport News, VA
Jeffrey Earle Theobald
Electrician, Williamsburg, VA

Jason Wade Thomas*
Production Planner, Mathews, VA
Nolan Michael Thompson
Pipefitter, Hillsborough, NC
Larry Randolph Trueheart, Jr.
Painter-Insulator, Richmond, VA
Maynard Asa Tuck , Jr.
Electrician, Newport News, VA
Cameron Scott Vaught*
Marine Designer, Shreveport, LA
Anthony Velez
Pipefitter, Virginia Beach, VA
Adrian Donté Wallace
Outside Machinist, Charleston, SC
Dontrae Marquise Walls
Painter-Insulator, Levy, SC
Patrick Shane Waltrip
Outside Machinist, Williamsburg, VA
David Allyn Washburn*
Shipfitter, Hampton, VA
Joshua Michael Wehr
Outside Machinist, Virginia Beach, VA
Brian Charles West, Jr.
Maintenance Pipefitter, Gloucester, VA
Noah Pervis Wiggins, Jr.
Outside Machinist, Newport News, VA
Darryl Lamont Wiggins, Sr.
Electrician, Hampton, VA
Ivory Lamar Williams*
Welder, Newport News, VA
John Andrew Williams II
Rigger, Macon, GA
Charles Arthur Williamson
Outside Machinist, New Haven, CT
Carol Nicole Winbush
Electrician, Newport News, VA
Joseph Brian Windle*
Marine Designer, Chesapeake, VA
Steven Keith Winslow, Jr.*
Marine Designer, Hertford, NC
Kremlin Ray-Hing Yee*
Production Planner, Newport News, VA
Byron Maurice Young
Outside Machinist, Newport News, VA
John Edward Zawodny
Pipefitter, Barhamsville, VA

* With Academic Honors



AWARD WINNERS



Homer L. Ferguson Award

On behalf of the Apprentice Alumni Association to the graduate who achieved the highest average in combined required academic and craft grades presented by Jennifer R. Boykin, Vice President, Quality and Process Excellence Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Newport News

Eric Christopher Kilner



Athletic Award

To graduates for outstanding athletic achievement presented by Daniel L. Arczynski, Sector Vice President, Strategic Planning and Development, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding

Tomerris Jarrod Cato-Dixon Baseball
Harding Epps III Baseball
Matthew Glenn Marshall Baseball
Alan Lee Riley, Jr. Baseball
James Ryan Scott Baseball
Warren Lee Cherry, Jr. Basketball
Nolan Michael Thompson Basketball
Joshua Herbert Baker Football
Benjamin Lee Brown Football
Joseph Jewon Bruce Football
Michael Che`von Burris Football
Jacob Lewis Compton Football
Rameriz Yannick Crumbley Football
Bobby Gray Farmer Football
Quentin Vernell Forbes Football
Terrance Ordrell Franklin Football
Jonathon David Gladden Football
Jeffrey Michael Hardesty Football
Michael William Hogan Football
Johnathon Dustin Lee Mims Football
Travis Recarto Moultrie Football
Earnest DeWayne Nimmo Football
Travis Donnell Reid Football
Tony Demetrius Scott Football
Walter Thomas Stanford Football
Douglas Craig Ashworth Golf
Christopher Ryan Everett Golf
Joseph Edward Maben Golf
Natasha Nicole Jones Women's Basketball
Whitney Devona Lassiter Women's Basketball
Joshua Aaron Flint Wrestling
Justin Conrad Gilliard Wrestling
Cecil Anthony Lee, Jr. Wrestling
Eric Matthew Lybarger Wrestling

Dr. Hughes

Cynthia Newton Smith

Dr. Hughes, Apprentice School Manager, spoke proudly about 2008's Graduating Class. He's been at the Apprentice School for 25 years. He's seen graduation ceremonies at Warwick High School, Heritage High School and now the Ferguson Center. With 90% of the 194 graduates of 2008 walking at graduation, Dr. Hughes could not have been happier. He beamed when he spoke of their accomplishments. 41% were award winners at graduation. Because such a large portion of the class received awards, the graduation program dedicated a whole section specifically to those recipients with a short biography about each one.

One of the many awards given every year by Dan Arczynski, Sector Vice President and West Point Graduate. Dr. Hughes mentioned a number of times how The Apprentice School's Graduations continue to have so much support from Senior Management. Company President Mike Petters

not only comes to graduations but continues to support the sport teams by cheering them on from the bleachers. Dr. Hughes mentioned a number of supporters like Danny Hunley, Vice President, Operations and Trades, who gave the Craftsmanship Award and Jennifer Boykin, Vice President, Quality and Process Excellence who presented the Homer L. Ferguson Award.

He also noted how Garry Carter and Elizabeth Moriarty really pulled this memorable ceremony together with the help of a number of other faculties like Dr. Uzzle and a number of student's help. He was pleased with Mrs. Moriarty's suggestion to have Graduation on a Saturday. So far, last year and this year have worked out great having it on a Saturday.

Dr. Hughes is a testament to the support found in the Apprentice School, who believes in it's founding purposes. To make the men and women who walk the halls of the school as well as the paths of the waterfront into the finest shipbuilders.





“The best advice I would give to an upcoming apprentice would be to always do the best job you can in every rotation. Always look for ways to improve yourself and try to have a positive attitude even when times seem difficult.”

Stephen Bonnaeu

X10 Production Foreman, B262 Boiler Shop, 16 & 17 Platen

“My Advice to Apprentices would be to take advantage of what the Apprentice School has to offer. For example; clubs, activities, organizations, etc. They are such great networking opportunities. I just wish I would have participated in more of them myself.”

Justin Gilliard

X67 Quality Analyst

“It’s a great accomplishment for anyone to graduate from the Apprentice School. At times throughout my academics, classes seem to be very difficult. I manage to stay focus and concentrate on what lies ahead. If I had the opportunity to do it again, I will.”

Jason Boyce

X11 Apprentice Instructor

AWARD WINNERS



James P. Healy Community Service Award

On behalf of the Mariners Club to the graduate who most exemplified leadership in community service presented by Ken Mahler, Vice President, Navy Programs, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Newport News

Kareem Mali Solomon

Frank F. Satchell, Jr. Outstanding Faculty Award

presented by Rolf Bartschi, Vice President & Chief Nuclear Engineer, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Newport News

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Homer L. Ferguson Award winner Eric Christopher Kilner receives a standing ovation after delivering the graduate address. "The bloodlines of craftsmanship, scholarship and leadership run deep here on the banks of the James," he said. "I urge you to continue the tradition of profound excellence that is the inherent backbone of The Apprentice School. Once again, congratulations - you've made it. And to Mr. Petters, yes, we are shipbuilders."

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