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Dr. Leber Retires

Matt Wirtz X43

With a total of five college degrees, two bachelors, two masters, and a doctorate, and a long list of accomplishments during his 28 years with the Shipyard, Dr. Leber has decided it's time to retire. "The world is not going to slow down for me," Dr. Leber says. He has a list of things he wants to accomplish in his retirement including maintaining the birdfeeders at his home in Tennessee.

Dr. Leber is quick to reference another list that includes the items he and his team accomplished at The Apprentice School during his six and half years as head of the School. Dr. Leber believes his greatest accomplishments include increasing awareness of the School so that it is now recognized at the state and federal level as one of the nation's premier registered apprentice programs. He is also proud of the expanded diversity in the student body. Dr. Leber notes that there were 67 females enrolled in The Apprentice School when he first became director and now there are 156. Plus the School has doubled the number of advanced programs to provide apprentices with more opportunities within the company

"Remember from day one you're working on your legacy", says Dr Leber. Dr. Leber wants his legacy to be that he encouraged and helped apprentices reach their highest potential, hopefully becoming vice-presidents and presidents of the Shipyard someday. Words that he lives by are "Treat all people with respect regardless of their position in life," and "Take advantage of every opportunity you are given." "Do a damn good job with the opportunities in front of you and from

that many more opportunities will open up to you". He would like us to remember that we are in a win-win situation with the company with 42% of its line management coming from The Apprentice School graduates, which means apprentice graduates are taking advantage of the opportunities provided by the Shipyard.

When looking back he says that the funniest thing he remembers is when the School's former athletic director Bill Casto informed him Arizona State was threatening to sue The Apprentice School for "using" its logo. Dr. Leber said his response to Bill was "Great!" Dr. Leber noted that the look on Mr. Casto's face was priceless in that he did not understand how being sued could be great. Dr. Leber advised Mr. Casto that it was one more sign that The Apprentice School had "arrived" when an educational institution such as Arizona State was concerned about our identities being confused".

Dr Leber said his tenure as head of the School actually ended the end of December. Everett Jordan has taken his place to become only the 8th director in the School's 90 year history and the first Apprentice School graduate to assume that position. Dr. Leber will stay involved with the School by getting the new Apprentice School Complex started. Dr. Leber said a significant number of consortiums have expressed interest in the project and will be submitting initial proposals by January 20th. Dr. Leber wants the new Complex to include Apprentice Apartments built around quad dorms that house state-of-the-art facilities with individual study spaces, bedrooms, bathrooms, and the latest in wifi. The apartments



will be set up similar to quad dorms at CNU.

With all the wonderful words of advice and leadership from Dr. Leber, we just want to say thank you. We hope you enjoy the mountains of eastern Tennessee overlooking Lake Cherokee. We can hear the thousands of wild song birds calling your name all the way out here in southeastern Virginia. Your presence will be missed.

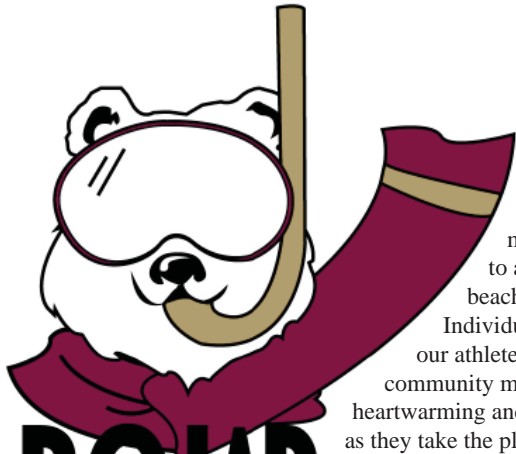
Apprentices In the Yard

Taken from Al Melton's weekly highlights



X36 Apprentice Gallery: The week of December 11th the X36 gallery team began preparations to change out wires on two separate cranes. The first to be worked was Kone Crane 92149 at Dry Dock #11. Due to proper planning and execution of the plan the X36 Gallery was able to be successful in the accomplishment of both crane jobs. Lead mechanic Tilden Purdie along with the assistance of apprentice graduate Kelby Saunders and mechanics Orlando Rone, Curtis Butler, Garry Cox, Carthone Mitchell, and James Worthington lead the young apprentices: Eric Ruffin and newcomers Robert O'Neal, Michael Oczkowski, Tevin Andrews, Duane Douglas, Devonna Fehr, and Devorn Lake to what ultimately proved to be a job well done. Submitted by X36 Apprentice Craft Instructor Jarrod Burke.

Polar Plunge



POLAR PLUNGE 2010

Tommy Richardson X11

The Polar Plunge® Winter Festival is Special Olympics Virginia's largest fundraiser, attracting more than 10,000 people to an otherwise deserted beachfront in February. Individuals and teams, alongside our athletes and thousands of community members, experience heartwarming and bone chilling extremes as they take the plunge into the icy Atlantic Ocean in the height of winter! Anyone can participate; those under 18 must have a parent or guardian signature.

Other crowd favorites include the Boogie Down the Boardwalk Costume Parade and contest, musical entertainment, a gigantic sand sculpture, as well as vendor displays and giveaways. Don't just catch any cold this winter...catch this cold! Take the Plunge.

2010 POLAR PLUNGE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, Feb. 5

6-10 p.m. Friday Night Plunge Party featuring local band Butter and a cornhole tournament (under Main Tent, at the end of 7th Street on the beach). Tickets are \$10. Adult beverages and food also will be for sale. All ages welcome. For tickets, call 877.874.7462 in advance; tickets also will be sold at the door.

Saturday, Feb. 6

- 10 a.m.** Winter Festival Begins/Registration for Costume Contests (under Main Tent)
- 11 a.m.** Opening Ceremony in the Main Tent
- Noon** Boogie Down the Boardwalk Costume Parade (meet at 6th Street)
- 1 p.m.** End of Registration for Costume Contests
- 1:15 p.m.** Costume Contests (under Main Tent)
- 2 p.m.** Plunge Check Presentation (under Main Tent) – come see how much we raised!
- 2:15 p.m.** "How to Survive the Plunge" Safety Briefing (in the Plunger-only area)
- 2:30 p.m.** The Plunge!

We will be meeting as a group at 9:30am and remaining there until after the plunge. Delegates must sign in with one of the POC's prior to the plunge as well as signing out after the event. The meeting area will be at Hampton Inn at 10th street and Atlantic. Please be sure to bring personal money for food and beverages to support this cause. Please also bring the fundraising packet and funds to the event. For further information refer to <http://www.polarplunge.com/> or contact one of the following POC's

Scott Morris (757) 876-3233 | Tommy Richardson (757) 771-4139

Puzzle Time Winners

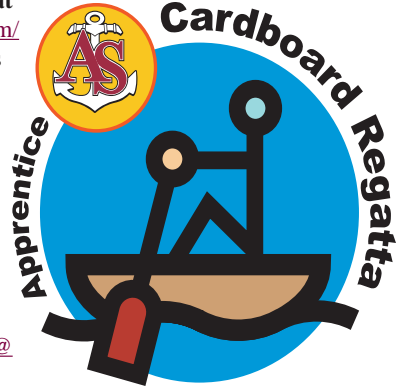
Paul Norton X18

Congratulations to Femi Audifferen for winning Novembers Puzzle. She found the most words to make out the word Apprentice. Her total was 73. Femi wins a \$20.00 gift certificate to the Apprentice School store.

For December's Holiday Trivia contest there is no winner but special recognition goes to Craft Instructor Billy Norton for his submission. Stand for more puzzle contest fun in the future! For any comments or suggestions please email the editor.

Regatta Registration Is Open!

The **Apprentice School** student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) is once again sponsoring the **2010 Apprentice Cardboard Boat Regatta**. Visit www.nnapprentice.com/sme to see the videos from prior years and to register as a volunteer or team member. Team participation is open to all NGC employees, families, and friends. The regatta will be held at 10:00AM on Saturday, **August 28th** at the Lee Hall Fishing Center in Newport News Park. Proceeds are going to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. POC **Tracey A. Naumann (E06/E51)** at 2010CardboardRegatta@gmail.com or (757) 619-4500.



"I've missed over 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot... and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

- Michael Jordan

Graduation for class of 2009

Andrew Kunk X18

The upcoming Apprentice School graduation ceremony for the class of 2009 is a very exciting event. The Apprentice School Student Association is looking for volunteers to assist in making the graduation run smoothly. The phrase "many hands make light work" is essential for this year's successful graduation proceeding...

This year's ceremony will be held at Christopher Newport University's, Ferguson Center of the Arts on February 27th, 2010. The point of contact for this event is Rodney Huffman. You can contact him on his cell at 757-846-5360 or email him.



Annual ASSA Awards Banquet

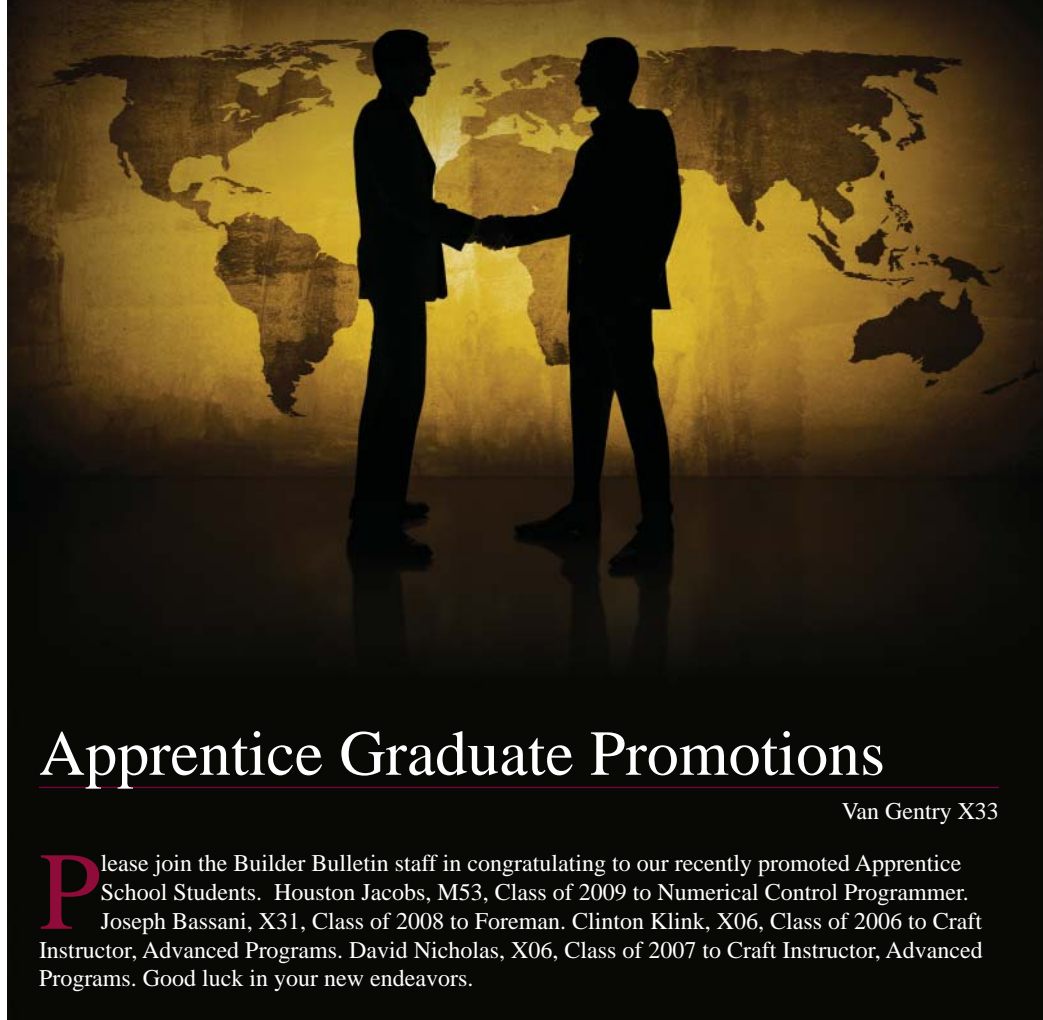
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On Jan 16, 2010 The Apprentice School Student Association hosted their annual awards banquet. The banquet was held at Captain Georges Seafood Restaurant in Williamsburg. Apprentices who fulfilled their obligation for delegate points for the year were invited. Points are awarded by the amount of time one puts in at the Apprentice School events. Three points per hour if they signed up for the event and two points per hour if they attended without signing up. Also invited were the dedicated Apprentice School administrators and faculty advisors. After the Apprentices and their guests filled their stomachs with fish, clams, oysters and crab legs galore the awards began. The top ten point earners received a leather back notebook case and an Apprentice School watch. Also recognized by the Student Council were the Officers and Committee Chairs, who received a plaque and AS logo satchel for their service to the ASSA. Everyone who attended the banquet received AS logo notebook, pen, and lighted key chain.

The top ten point earners are as follows:

- Ikeja Frances256.5 points
- Erica McCormick229.5 points
- Ashley Gilliam205.5 points
- Ernest Martin198 points
- Phillip Foster182.5 points
- Kim Dalrymple179 points
- Andrew Kunk178.5 points
- James Lipford171 points
- Angle DeGuzman163.5 points
- Jeb Dodson and Paul Norton156 points

Congratulations to all Awardees and all other delegates that helped make events run smoothly. If you are interested in joining the Apprentice School Student Association as a Student Council delegate, contact your Apprentice Instructor.



Apprentice Graduate Promotions

Van Gentry X33

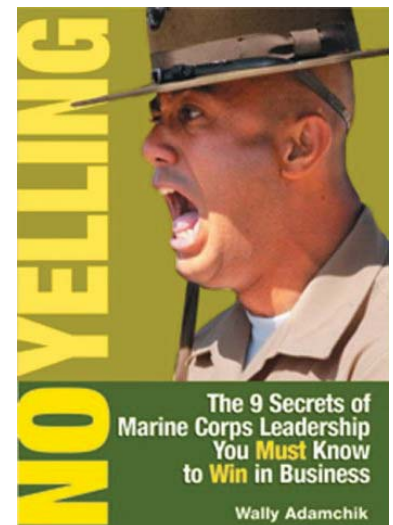
Please join the Builder Bulletin staff in congratulating to our recently promoted Apprentice School Students. Houston Jacobs, M53, Class of 2009 to Numerical Control Programmer. Joseph Bassani, X31, Class of 2008 to Foreman. Clinton Klink, X06, Class of 2006 to Craft Instructor, Advanced Programs. David Nicholas, X06, Class of 2007 to Craft Instructor, Advanced Programs. Good luck in your new endeavors.

NO Yelling: The 9 Secrets of Marine Corps Leadership You Must Know to Win in Business...

Written by Wally Adamchek

By Van Gentry X33

As future leaders of the company, we can use all the information about the subject of leadership that we can get. Northrop Grumman provides many books on the topic of leadership that can be found on Yard Net in the Employee Development Library. When looking at all the titles on the web site this one seemed to jump off the page. No Yelling: The 9 Secrets of Marine Corps Leadership You Must Know to Win in Business by Wally Adamchik. This book is one of many that focus on the topic of leadership. In this book the author gives the reader practical examples of methods used by the USMC to lead people into a winning environment. He covers topics such as Integrity, Technical Competence, Setting Examples, Taking Care of People and many others that empower the leader to harness the best his team can offer. I would recommend that anyone that is interested in honing their leadership skills they should take the time to read this book. It is a quick read and is full of practical examples that are easy to implement.



"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Give it all you've got because you never know if there's going to be a next time."

- Danielle Ingram

Regatta Volunteers Needed!

Rodney Huffman X31

The **Apprentice School student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME)** is once again sponsoring the **2010 Apprentice Cardboard Boat Regatta** to be held on **August 28th**. Volunteer areas of need are: advertising

(handing out and placing flyers), registration packets (stuffing envelopes), and setup preparations (race day planning). POC **Tracey A. Naumann (E06/E51)** at 2010CardboardRegatta@gmail.com or (757) 619-4500.



2010 ASSA President

Rodney Huffman X31

I am twenty-one years old and was born in Hampton Virginia. I graduated from Bethel High school in 2006 and I entered the shipyard in August of 2006. I am an X31 Advance Shipyard Operations Curriculum (ASOC) Apprentice currently in my junior year.

My upcoming plans for the coming year serving as the ASSA president is to ensure every event is a success, whether from a monetary standpoint or a volunteer standpoint. I have spent a lot of time within the student association setting up, running, attending events. During that time I have been able to see what really works with each event, how much planning will be involved and how much time should be dedicated to running it.

One of the big changes that I feel will impact the Apprentices and The Apprentice School, I am personally attending to. I am

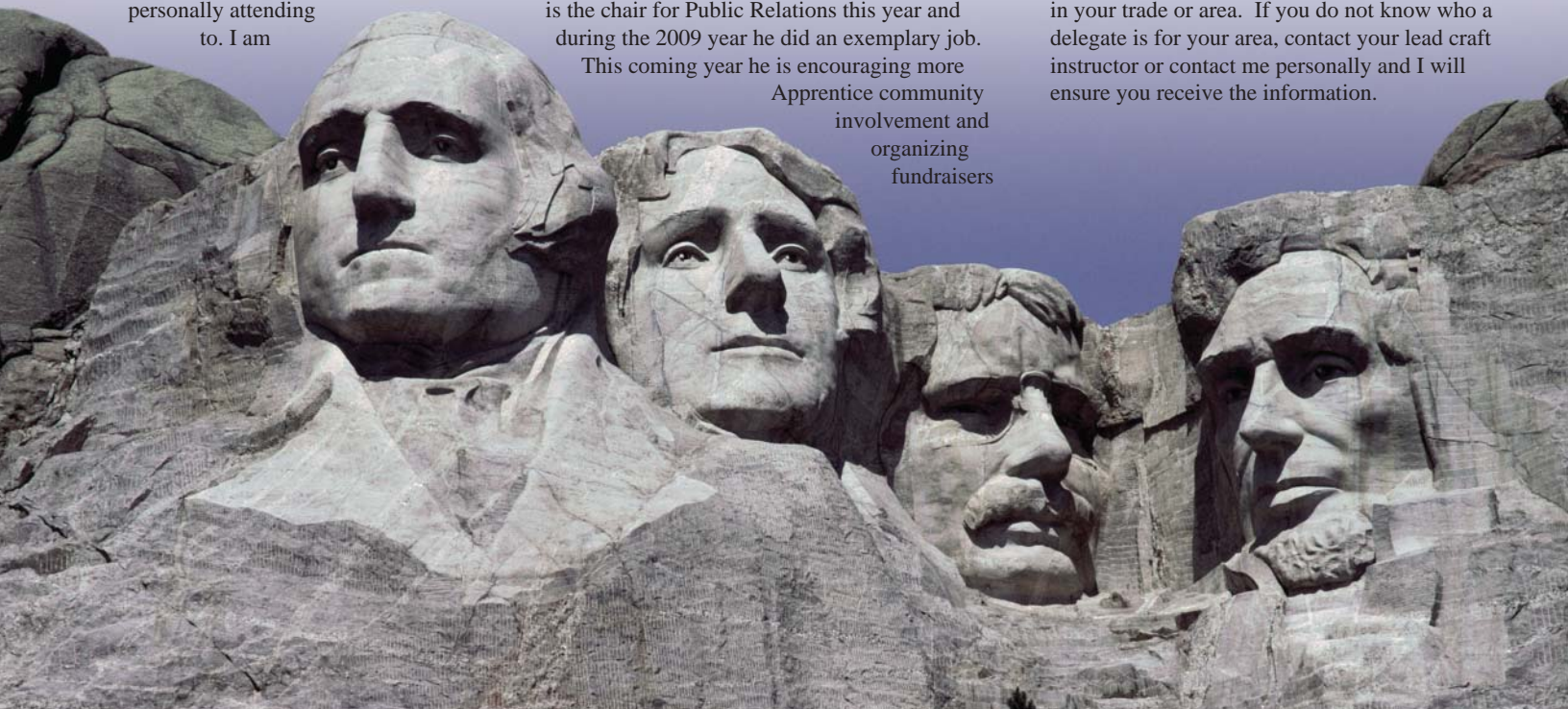
working on plans to build a permanent concession stand at the football field. In my eyes with the state of the art field and gym, we should have a real concession stand. I feel that the concession stand represents the students, the football team and The Apprentice School as a whole and provides a safe environment for the delegates to volunteer their time to prepare food to sell during games and special events. I believe the 2010 football year will be a prosperous year!

My vision for the ASSA and the executive council as a whole is to ensure that every Apprentice is made aware of what events are going on and when. I would like the ASSA to be more involved with the community. How the ASSA will be able to do this by working closely with the Public Relations committee. Tommy Richardson is the chair for Public Relations this year and during the 2009 year he did an exemplary job.

This coming year he is encouraging more Apprentice community involvement and organizing fundraisers

for the ASSA.

To top it all off, I really enjoy being a part of the ASSA. When I first started out as an Apprentice I would participate at events. I wasn't given any delegate points for it, but I felt like I belonged somewhere. I have really stood out over the past two years by participating with concessions and coming out to community events. As an apprentice remember that not only are you helping out the local community, but you also are representing The Apprentice School and Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding. I feel that whatever you do, you will get back twice what you put in. If you put in nothing, you will receive nothing. To find out events that are going on within the ASSA please visit www.nnapprentice.com or look for an apprentice delegate through in your trade or area. If you do not know who a delegate is for your area, contact your lead craft instructor or contact me personally and I will ensure you receive the information.



Advanced Program Announcements

Program Selection

Name	Dept.	Discipline	Curriculum
Archer, Lewis B	X31	Electrical	BUS
Batista, Alexi	043E	Electrical	BUS
Corprew, Ginger A	X31	Electrical	EET
Dutton, Kimberly R	X31	Electrical	BUS
Evans, Bryant K	X31	Electrical	EET
Harry, Jason L	X31	Electrical	BUS
Holub, Brian J	X31	Electrical	EET
Hudgins, Jason P	X31	Electrical	ENG
Johnson, Raynisha T	X31	Electrical	ENG
Lackey, Jess T	043E	Electrical	BUS
Ohia, Seth L	043E	Electrical	BUS
Smith Jr., Gregory G	X31	Electrical	EET
Balarabe, Andrew D	X18	Hull	MET
Ballard Jr., Carton R	X11	Hull	BUS
Beacham, Caleb B	X32	Hull	BUS
Crocker, Charles E	X11	Hull	BUS
Deerfield, Darlene C	X15	Hull	ENG
Gentry, Sarah E	X11	Hull	BUS
Kunk, Anfrew J	X18	Hull	BUS
McMillan, Latoya S	X32	Hull	BUS
Porter III, Herbert E	X11	Hull	BUS
Price Jr., Michael A	X18	Hull	BUS
Smart, Dalton J	X15	Hull	BUS
Spanos, Christopher N	X32	Hull	BUS
Urquhart Jr., John W	X68	Hull	MET
Yonta, Andrew J	043W	Hull	EET
Bruce, Ryan L	M53	Machinery	BUS
Clemmons, Justin D	X43	Machinery	BUS
Dillard, Katelyn N	043M	Machinery	BUS
Evans III, Robert S	X43	Machinery	BUS
Gilliam Jr., James A	M53	Machinery	BUS
Jallo, Jacob M	X43	Machinery	BUS
Jennings, Joel C	043M	Machinery	BUS
Shortt, Michael D	X43	Machinery	BUS
Smith, Denise Y	M53	Machinery	BUS
Wirtz, Matthew A	X43	Machinery	MET
Carter, Daniel W	X42	Pipe	MET
Crow, Daniel B	043P	Pipe	BUS
Feller, Casey W	X42	Pipe	ENG
Spaulding, Daniel P	X42	Pipe	BUS

ASOC

Program Selection

Name	Dept.	Discipline	Curriculum
Dierberger, Cameron D	X31	Electrical	EET
Gamor, Benjamin K	X31	Electrical	ENG
Johnson, William A	X32	Hull	ENG
Scott, Tobuic K	X32	Hull	ENG
Wermer, Michael J	X18	Hull	ENG
Franklin, Travis S	X43	Machinery	MET
Joy, Jessica R	X43	Machinery	ENG
Ober, Ashley M	M53	Machinery	MET
Tellefsen, Eric W	X43	Machinery	MET
Thacker, Timothy C	043H	Pipe	MET

Design

Program Selection

Name	Dept.	Discipline	Curriculum
Nichols, Corey A	X31	Electrical	BUS
Dyess Jr., Randie T	X33	Hull	ENG
Maston, Frances M	X15	Hull	ENG
Murphy, Jason L	X11	Hull	BUS
Knipp, Richard N	X43	Machinery	MET
Dalrymple, Kimberly A	X42	Pipe	BUS

Planner

Program Selection

Name	Dept.	Discipline	Curriculum
Crewe, Michael A	X42	Pipe	ENG

M & S

Program Selection

Name	Dept.	Discipline	Curriculum
Hoefflin, Gregory A	X32	Hull	ENG
Norton, Paul A	X18	Hull	MET

NTT

Program Selection

Name	Dept.	Discipline	Curriculum
Spitzer, Emily M	X31	Electrical	ENG
Napier, Shawn A	X15	Hull	ENG
Manz, Roger L	X43	Machinery	BUS

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Apprentice Community Outreach: Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Center

Paul Norton X18

Every year for the past 30 years the Apprentice School Student Association has sponsored a Christmas party for the Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Center. The Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Center is a place for the intellectually disabled to work, a place to live in a safe, caring environment, and a place to learn to live independently. On December 14, Apprentices served pizza and soda to the patients. Our very own Vice President, Phil Foster grew a big, full beard and dressed up as Santa Claus. He then passed out T-shirts and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. The ASSA works with Bill Stinebaugh of BSA post 140 to put on the party.

This year Bill honored the Apprentice School with a nice plaque thanking the Apprentice School for 30 years of sponsoring the Christmas party. Bill has been with BSA 140 since 2000 and Scoutmaster since 2008. The Boy Scouts of America Troop 140 ministers to mentally challenged adults who live on the peninsula. Members come from group homes run by the Arc of Virginia Peninsula /Eggleston Services and Community Services, and some live with their parents. Tommy Richardson, Public relations Chair, organized the event. He and other Apprentices feel that community outreach is very rewarding

and very worthwhile. Please get involved with the Apprentice community outreach programs, all upcoming events are listed on the [ASSA Website](http://www.nnapprentice.com/assa/index.htm). <http://www.nnapprentice.com/assa/index.htm>

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