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## A Relay to Remember

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event, volunteers cooked hot dogs and burgers on the grill and then served breakfast the following morning to those who camped out over night. The Apprentice School representatives also sold Chick-fil-A sandwiches for donations, raffled off a weekend getaway at a cottage on Cape Hatteras and signed sport collectables. Some of the events at Pomoco Stadium included air walks for children, various food stands, live music, a corn hole toss, and a memorial candle lighting service for all of those who have lost their battle against cancer. Last year, a little more than \$1,000 was raised, setting the bar for this year's goal to meet or surpass the 2010 fundraiser. With the help of individual donations, selling 50/50 raffles tickets and car washes, \$4,190.50 was raised!

The ASSA and AAA would like to give a big thanks to Tom Gentry, Sherri Christensen, Sarah Gentry, Tommy Richardson, Eddie Barefoot, Kimberly Jordan, Roger Peckham, Rodney Huffman, The Mariners Club, Langley Speedway, and the Fan Club. Without them, these goals wouldn't have been possible. These outstanding accomplishments clearly show the integrity of not only The Apprentice School, but also shipbuilding as a whole, which truly made this event a relay to remember.

Even with the blazing sun in their eyes and the Sahara desert in their mouths, people are still willing to stand for something greater than themselves. What would compel people to run for days in 100 degree weather? The answer is cancer. Millions of people worldwide are running and walking in various "Relay for Life" events. Relay for Life is a charitable organization that coordinates events to raise money for the American Cancer Society (ACS) by collecting donations from the event participants. The relay was first started in Tacoma, Washington by a colorectal surgeon named Dr. Gordy Klatt. Wanting to increase capital for cancer research, Dr. Klatt ran/walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the ACS. The idea became so popular that it now is

the largest cancer movement with more than 3.5 million people in the U.S participating as well as 19 other countries hosting events. With the ever present threat of breast cancer in our own backyard, The Apprentice School has made it a priority to participate in the Relay annually.

For the past year, the Apprentice Alumni Association (AAA) and the Apprentice School Student Association (ASSA) have teamed to raise money for the Relay for Life Foundation. This year's themed event "Wavin Cancer away in MargaRelayville" was held at the Christopher Newport University Pomoco Stadium during the first weekend of June 2011. More than 152 teams participated in the event. The teams were made up of volunteers from both AAA and ASSA as well as their family and friends. Throughout the



# Advanced Track Apprentices Selection 2011

Tamieka Williams X33

**A**dvanced Selections is not an easy achievement to endure. You have gotten over the obstacle of deciding to enter the Advance Program Track and now you are on a distinctive path that many do not get the option to travel. The reward at the end is utter sweet victory. Congratulations to all the apprentices listed below who were selected into an Advanced Program.

## ASOC

Allison, Katherine G	X68	Dim Cntrl	BUS
Cohen, Jonathan M	X43	Machinery	BUS
Douglas, Joshua B	X42	Pipe	BUS
Eason, Vernon A	X18	Hull	BUS
Edelman, Heather M	X42	Pipe	MET
Fletcher, Andrew A	X11	Hull	BUS
Hammond, Jeffery S	X68	Dim Cntrl	ENG
Harcum, William R	A572	Machinery	MET
Holley, Tywana D	X31	Electrical	ENG
Jones, Cody A	X18	Hull	ENG
Kelly, James M	X18	Hull	MET
Miles, Sharon D	M53	Machinery	MET
Milot, Zachary D	X68	Dim Cntrl	ENG
Richardson, Melvin L	X32	Hull	BUS
Richardson, William T	X42	Pipe	BUS
Ruggles, Sara G	X42	Pipe	MET
Schrum, William C	X68	Dim Cntrl	ENG
Soto-Diaz, Hector	X11	Hull	BUS
Spruill, John C	X68	Dim Cntrl	BUS
Welling, Jessica R	X68	Dim Cntrl	MET
Whitehead, Justin J	X42	Pipe	BUS

## DESIGN

Averett, Angel E	043W	Hull	ENG
Boston, Patrick D	043M	Machinery	ENG
Frazier, Brenden L	X31	Electrical	ENG
Gardner, Brett M	043E	Electrical	ENG
Gilliam, Ashley M	X11	Hull	MET
Leach, Eric J	X43	Machinery	MET
Ollenberger, Eric R	X31	Electrical	ENG
Pagliughi, David J	X42	Pipe	MET
Riddle, Anthony R	X32	Hull	ENG
Spencer, Christopher D	M53	Machinery	ENG

## PLANNER

Adams, Michael D	X43	Machinery	BUS
Apelt, Sharon I	X31	Electrical	BUS
Artis, Angela J	X33	Hull	BUS
England, Paul T	X31	Electrical	BUS
Holland, Shavonda L	X31	Electrical	ENG
Routten, Zachary A	043P	Pipe	BUS

## M & S

Lamb, David J	X31	Electrical	ENG
Weiler, Brandon M	X42	Pipe	ENG

## NTT

Griffith, Jarrod G	X43	Machinery	ENG
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## COST EST

Mason, Joel J	X31	Electrical	BUS
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# Current Apprentices Wanted

Ashley Ober, E83/E06

**E**very year, The Apprentice School Student Association (ASSA) holds an awards banquet to honor the top volunteer points earner from the previous year. An invitation to the awards banquet entitles an apprentice and a guest to a nice dinner with the ASSA executive council, Everett Jordan, student faculty advisors, and the ASSA's committee chairs just to name a few. The top ten points earners of the year will also receive an award from the ASSA. Delegates can earn points by volunteering their time to help set up, and/or tear down and work at ASSA charitable events throughout the year.

Update: A new policy has been added to the ASSA bylaws allowing all current apprentices to accumulate points towards earning a spot at the awards banquet every year. The previous policy only allowed delegates to earn points. Look for event volunteer opportunities on the Hot Sheet posted every other Monday on moodle and contact the point of contact (POC) for any event. When attending an event, be sure to sign in and out and indicate non-delegate on the sign in sheet. Apprentices who contact the POC prior to an event earn three points for each volunteered hour. Without notifying the POC, only two points per hour will be earned. 90 points or more in the current year is needed to attend the awards banquet. Please refer to the ASSA website under the Constitution and Bylaws heading for more information and questions.



## A Familiar Face

Mike Chieffo, X42

**W**e are proud to have a familiar face of the shipbuilding industry aboard the academic faculty of The Apprentice School. Larry Koeck has been an employee with Newport News Shipbuilding for 31 years, with 11 of those years as an Apprentice School lead craft instructor. His journey began after high school while he was a member of the U.S. Air Force.

Koeck started The Apprentice School program on January 8, 1980 as an X11 Ship Fitter. Ten months into the program, the director of The Apprentice School asked him to transfer to a special trade, the X14 Mold Loft Department (currently E51). He accepted the transfer and completed his apprenticeship as an X14 Mold Loftsmen on March 7, 1983. Since then, Koeck's professional shipbuilding experiences include:

- 1984-1989 X14 Mold Loft Supervisor
- 1989-1993 X15 Steel Fabrication General Foreman
- 1993-1995 X62 Ship Repair Operations Supervisor
- 1995-1996 Steel Fabrication General Foreman
- 1996-2000 X10 Manufacture Process Leader
- 2000-2010 Lead Apprentice Craft Instructor
- 2010-Present Academic Instructor

Koeck continued his education through an industrial management program in 1984. In 1987, he received his associate degree in technical marine engineering from Thomas Nelson Community College. He earned a bachelor's degree in technical management from St. Leo University in 1990. Koeck continued his educational goals by receiving his master's in Education and Human Development in 1993 from George Washington University.

Along his journey, he has had the opportunity to work directly and indirectly with exceptional shipbuilding leaders such as Bob Drury, Sam Vreeland, John Schoch, Lucas Hicks, Frank Craig, David Eberwine, Dan Brookman and currently James Hughes and Alicia Uzzle. Koeck learned valuable lessons from each of these individuals, which he utilizes to this day.

While speaking to Koeck he expressed how excited he was about the opportunity to work closer with apprentices. He said, "All of the apprentices that I have had contact with in the academic environment have been fine, mature, respectful, young individuals." He also believes that job experience coupled with continued education prepares a person to do a job well.



## 16th Annual Children's Fishing Clinic

Kevin W. Doyle, X15



**O**n Saturday July 16, the Annual Children's Fishing Clinic in support of Hampton Roads and its surrounding areas youth development took place. The sun was barely on the rise when the hustle and bustle of set up began. By 7 a.m., the finishing touches were being delivered in the form of bottom-rigs, hooks and sinkers being added to the pint-sized fishing poles. Before everyone realized, it was 9 a.m. and children began to arrive.

The volunteers greeted the droves of children who were anticipating the great catch they would get as they stampeded down the James River Fishing Pier.

Unfortunately, no Moby Dick was landed, but the children did continue to catch and release the crabs, croakers and jellyfish the James River had to offer. The volunteers remained on stand-by to assist in casting reels and baiting hooks. They also offered advice to the children, fulfilling the ancient proverb, "Give a man a fish and feed him for a day, teach a man to fish and feed him for a lifetime."

After the tiny tournament came to a close, lunch was piping hot and ready to serve. The volunteer efforts switched gears from receiving to pitching and the whole event time or know of a group affiliated with childhood development, you should contact The Apprentice School to participate in next year's Fishing Clinic.

## Edwin C Tison: A Testament to the Apprenticeship

Randall Cupp, X11

**A**pprentices often strive to hold many distinguished titles and roles throughout their lives. During a lifetime, these titles can range from craftsmen, manager, parent, volunteer to role model, entrepreneur and businessman. No one epitomized this spirit of achieving multiple endeavors more than Edwin C. Tison, an apprentice alumni who recently passed away on June 2, 2011.

Born and raised in Florida, Tison entered The Apprentice School on November 12, 1953 as a painter. During his apprenticeship, Tison became an avid cartoonist. His work appeared in the *Daily Press*, *The Virginian Pilot*, and multiple Apprentice School publications.

After graduating from The Apprentice School on December 6, 1957, Tison was hired as a graphic artist by the *Daily Press*. After a few years, Tison went into business for himself and started the Globe Sign Company. In 1965, he ventured out to the real estate business, which eventually led him to form Tison Commercial Properties in 1982. He would operate the commercial real estate business with his two sons until his passing.

Since his days as an apprentice painter, Tison strove for excellence in a multitude of professions. His life embodied the traits of the ideal apprentice and served as a testament to talent, professionalism, and craftsmanship.

### I am Thankful

*I am thankful that I have a job, And for corn on the cob!  
I am thankful for my education, And for a vacation!  
I am thankful for my friends, And that our memories together never end.  
I am thankful for nice weather, And that wisdom is as light as a feather.  
I am thankful for my health, Because it is worth more than wealth.*

- Ashley Ober, E83/E06

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# Learning to be on Time for Work

Tamieka Williams, X33

*We may walk into work alone, but what we produce must be completed as a team. We may walk out of work with the masses, but the quality of our work must be accomplished by ourselves.*

*Our jobs are very important, not just slightly, but tremendously. Our customers rely on us, not just yesterday, but today and tomorrow. We need to produce immaculate quality, not just occasionally, but the first time, every time. Our customers give us the job of producing high-quality work, everyday, even on our first day.*

- Ashley Ober, E83/E06

## APPRENTICE =

**A** Always  
**P** Proficient  
**P** People  
**R** Readily  
**E** Entertaining  
**N** New  
**T** Thoughts  
**I** Inspiring  
**C** Challenging  
**E** Experiences



- Tommy Richardson, X88/X42

Attendance, attendance, attendance. Attendance is a major topic of discussion among supervisors, craft instructors and even fellow apprentices. Attendance is essential to have success in the shipyard. Punctuality and reliability are also important qualities to becoming a great leader. Being punctual shows a willingness to succeed and learn. Being late not only affects your attendance record, but also your wallet and work evaluation.

Below is a list of tips to help ensure timely attendance:

- Set an alternate alarm clock in case one alarm malfunctions.
- Leave the house 5-10 minutes early in case of car trouble and an alternate ride needs to be arranged.
- Check the weather and traffic reports the night before to prepare for traffic delays due to road or bridge closings.
- Have lunch packed and lay out work clothes the previous night so there are fewer tasks to do in the morning.
- Go to bed at a decent hour to avoid oversleeping.
- Listen to the radio for traffic updates and bridge openings prior to leaving the house.
- Put your badge in the same place every day, so you do not misplace it.
- Carry a few extra dollars, just in case for parking.
- Avoid making detours or pit stops since this can drastically delay travel time.
- If starting a new rotation, learn where the assigned parking decal is located and the time in which the lot usually fills up.



*"To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, to be late is unacceptable!"*

- Vince Lombardi

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