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This newsletter provides current information on the unique and growing Construction Technology Careers (CTC) preapprenticeship initiative to its network of partners, advocates and participants in Manatee and Sarasota counties.

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to the following Trade Associations, which are hosting the Thursday, April 12 CTC Annual Benefit. Their financial support makes this benefit a success!

- GCBE
- Construction Specifications Institute
- Electrical Council of Florida, Manasota Chapter
- Florida Concrete and Products Association, Region 5 North
- Home Builders Association of Manatee County
- Home Builders Association of Sarasota County
- Manasota Air Conditioning Contractors Association
- Manatee and Sarasota County Plumbing/Heating/Cooling Contractors Assns.
- Sarasota and Manatee Roofing and Sheet Metal Contractors Assn.

GCBE Holds Annual CTC Benefit April 12

There is still time to show your support for the annual CTC Preapprenticeship Partnership benefit! 25% of the annual budget for CTC is derived from proceeds of the annual GCBE construction industry networking event. This year's event will be held from 6-9 pm on the evening of Thursday, April 12 at GWIZ – the Sarasota Hands-On Science Museum. There are four ways to get involved in this year's benefit. First, purchase a \$100 raffle ticket for the 2007 Mustang GT being raffled the evening of April 12. You will have a 1/500 chance of winning! Second, financially sponsor the April 12 event through a sponsorship



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ranging from \$500 - \$2,500. Third, donate a product or service for the silent auction held the night of the event. Last, purchase a ticket (\$40) or a table (10 seats for \$450) for the event. Information is available by contacting CTC Coordinator Kristey Richardson at 361-6090 x 113.

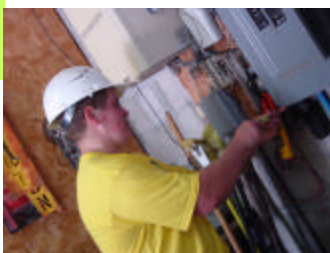
Building Our Future Workforce – CTC Has Teamwork

CTC has grown over the past five years. This school year, the CTC Preapprenticeship Partnership is helping over 100 youth in Manatee and Sarasota Counties explore career pathways in the construction industry. CTC provides youth with NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research) curriculum. The preapprenticeship provides youth preapprentices with many opportunities, including summer employment as construction helper, job shadowing, mentors, and exposure to a speaker's bureau of trades people. CTC is sustained through investments by construction industry employers, grants and an annual benefit organized by the Gulf Coast Builders Exchange and area construction trades associations. For more information on how you can become involved in CTC call 361-6090 x 113 or visit

www.ConstructionTechnologyCareers.org.

Apprentice Profile – Lyle Mimbs of Goodson Electric

Lyle Mimbs grew up in Parrish and dual enrolled at Palmetto High School and MTI. Lyle was in the first class of CTC preapprentices in 2003 and attended Bill Icely's class. Bill describes Lyle as an inquisitive youth with a strong desire to enter the electrical trade. Lyle comes by this naturally as his dad owned a roofing company. He first explored a construction career as a summer OJT participant with Goodson Electric in Palmetto. After graduation from high school Lyle went back to work for Goodson Electric full-time. He is now in his third year of the ECF Electrical Apprenticeship and working his way up within the Goodson Electric Company. CTC salutes Lyle for his stick-to-it-tiveness. This is a glowing example of how CTC works!



You could win this car!

CHOICE Grant Builds Foundation for Center for Design and Construction at MHS



The Suncoast Workforce Board received a grant in 2006 to replicate the Okaloosa CHOICE Construction Technology Institute Program which focuses on career education which is rigorous, relevant and based on relationships.

The grant is providing resources to the new Center for Design and Construction at Manatee High School. 30 youth are enrolled in the pilot grant project this semester. Pictured here are the five MHS instructors involved in the grant. Angie Grasberger of the Manatee County School District assisted in the grant application development. The CHOICE grant is

providing marketing support for the program, curriculum texts, equipment and materials, promotional items, training money for instructor certifications, and special supplemental coursework which results in credential certification for the 30 youth involved. Eligible CHOICE youth are also offered an opportunity to qualify for the CTC Preapprenticeship and summer OJT work as construction helpers with CTC employer members.

At left, pictured from top to bottom are Manatee High School Instructors Joe Orr, Dewayne Fintel, Joan Stencik, Jeff Sharp, and Richard Baird.

Employer/Investor Profile – Mark Kennell of W G Mills

Mark Kennell has been involved in construction and development since childhood, so his volunteer involvement in the CTC Preapprenticeship Partnership should come as no surprise. Mark is a Sarasota native. He has chaired the CTC Executive Committee and Council for 4 years. In that role, he also serves on the board of the Suncoast Workforce Board. Mark began at a young age working on development projects with his dad and is now a Senior Vice President with W G Mills. He is a focused volunteer leader who generates increased construction industry support for CTC. WG Mills has financially supported CTC since its inception. Mark believes in giving back to the community and encourages others to join the CTC team. CTC thanks Mark for his leadership!



Instructor Profile – Ray Weiland from Southeast High School

Ray Weiland believes in today's youth and the value of exploring career pathways in construction. He has taught at SEHS in Manatee County for 27 years. Ray is an exceptional instructor with strong organizational skills, attention to detail, and a sincere dedication to his students. He is an NCCER Certified Craft Instructor and a certified OSHA instructor. This year Ray is teaching CTC Core Curriculum while also expanding the SEHS Future Builders of America (FBA) Chapter. Ray's youth have qualified for CTC summer OJT work for two consecutive summers. He is a team player and always puts the needs of his students first. CTC is proud of Ray and thankful for his involvement in CTC.



Thanks, CTC Investors!

We couldn't do it without you!
The following businesses made recent financial investments in CTC.

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