



## Workforce Development Monthly

November 2022

### MASTER BLOCKMAKER AWARDED

James Perez, of Northfield Block (Oldcastle) in Sheffield, Ohio, was recently recognized as a Master Blockmaker at a special celebration at Besser Bell. The title of Master Blockmaker is held by an exclusive few within the concrete products industry and recognized as an advanced educational achievement secured through ACC's World Center for Concrete Technology.



Bill Braswell (VP of Operations/Oldcastle), James Perez, Kathie Hayes (Director of Operational Performance/Oldcastle), Ryan Suszek (CEO & President of Besser Company) & Dawn Stone (ACC Dean of Workforce Development)

### ALPENA FIRE ACADEMY LAUNCHES

Our 2023 Fire Academy will run through May 2023. With virtual and in-person lessons, students learn the skills needed to control and manage many types of fires, spending nearly 300 hours on topics like hose lines, forcible entry, vehicle extrication, and search & rescue. Upon completion of the academy candidates must pass a written and practical skills exam to become certified as a firefighter.



17 students are enrolled in this year's academy, with more than a dozen area firefighters providing instruction. It's a significant time commitment for everyone but so rewarding.

### MIOSHA Training Institute Presents:

#### Recordkeeping & Cost of Injuries

January 11, 2023

9:00am-4:30pm

VIRTUAL

\$130

Register [here](#)

#### Health Hazards in Construction

January 31, 2023

8:30am-12:30pm

VIRTUAL

\$94

Register [here](#)

**Train. Prepare. Succeed.**

## How can we help?

Several weeks ago an area plumbing & heating company contacted us about the new Plumbing Code Update which requires that all licensed journeyman and master plumbers complete a code update continuing education course prior to March 31, 2023. We quickly made some calls and lined up an instructor to bring this course to ACC. Over 20 area plumbers attended. Sending staff to training outside of the area isn't always the most practical option, and we were happy to offer this opportunity to our area partners.

ACC was recently awarded a MIOSHA Consultation Education and Training grant for the development and implementation of safety and health training and services, specifically to help support small and medium-sized businesses. This funding targets safety and health training in high-hazard industries such as healthcare and manufacturing, training for implementing silica exposure control methods in the construction industry, and safety and health training for community rehabilitation organizations and workers with disabilities or other barriers to community inclusion, among others. Thanks to this grant, your safety training may be available at no cost to you.

**Let us know how we can help. Contact Dawn Stone, Dean of Workforce Development, at [stonedawn@alpenacc.edu](mailto:stonedawn@alpenacc.edu) or 989.358.7293.**

## Utility Arborist Program

This summer ACC announced a new one semester training program. Recognizing the shortage of workers critical to the infrastructure of our electrical industry, the Utility Arborist Program was born.

What is a Utility Arborist? These skilled workers provide a vital service to ensure a reliable and safe power grid by clearing lines and vegetation. They're the first line of defense after a major storm, arriving on scene to assess the damage and work with the power companies to clean up and restore power.



*Patrick graduated from the Utility Arborist Program in August & now works for Thunder Bay Tree Service.*

This program is designed for those working with trees and vegetation around energized electrical lines.

Our Instructors, carefully selected by leaders in the industry, follow OSHA Special Industry standard 1910.269 as it relates to training and employment preparation. Students will be trained and certified to comply with safety-related work practices and procedures. Multiple employment opportunities are available upon successful completion.

**ACC is committed to verifying all trainees meet the ANSI Z133 consensus standard.**

- Earn your OSHA 10 & AHA First Aid/CPR certification
- Prepare for Pesticide Application Spray Test & Commercial Driver License
- EHAP & aerial rescue training
- Climbing skills focused on daily
- 16-weeks, 250-hours
- Classes on Thursday & Friday only
- \$3600 with generous funding assistance available
- Job opportunities upon completion; starting pay \$28-30/hr.



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