



A Word from Our President

July 2019

Hello again and happy summer to you all! We are so close to getting our Apprenticeship Training Program approved by the Department of Labor and Industry. It's been a challenge, but we are finally at a place that we feel confident about the end result. Our



Rusty Hobson
VMA President

Contractors should be very pleased with the training their employees will receive under the new program, if approved. Please join us in September for the annual VMA Golf Tournament! This year the event will serve as a fundraiser for the Apprenticeship Training Program. There will be multiple activities and ways to support the program at the course. Thank you again for making it another great year for all of us in the masonry industry! I hope to see you on the course!

The Virginia Masonry Association is an organization comprised of masonry contractors, manufacturers and suppliers that promote masonry construction in Central Virginia by providing a source of education for masonry apprentices, architects, contractors, homeowners and high school masonry programs.

CONTRACTORS : Time for Approval!

July 18, 2019 10am @ DOLI (Dept. of Labor and Industry)

VMA Contractor Members and Board Members will be proposing VMA's new and improved Apprenticeship Training Program to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) for approval. VMA is very excited to get approval on this upgraded version of its' Apprenticeship Training Program. We have worked very hard to make a program that fits the needs of all of our Contractor Members, that trains highly knowledgeable and skilled masons and that is appealing to prospective masons for use as a recruitment tool. Care to join us? RSVP vma@virginiamasonry.org



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Would you like more information about our Apprenticeship Training Program? Visit www.virginiamasonry.org or contact VMA at vma@virginiamasonry.org.

HBAR STUDENT CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE



**NOVEMBER 13, 2019
RICHMOND RACEWAY**

VMA Members Enjoy an Evening at the Country Club

It was a beautiful spring evening at Jefferson Lakeside Country Club on June 6th, where dozens of guests were treated to a presentation by James Cameron of iQ Power Tools.

Mr. Cameron demonstrated cutting various brick; safely and in accordance with OSHA's Silica Rules, using no water at all. Mr. Cameron answered great questions from guests. The event brought many VMA members together for a bit of fellowship and fun as they dined on a delicious Prime Rib dinner. Thanks to all who participated in the 50/50 raffle to benefit the Apprenticeship Training Program!



VMA Members were treated to a demonstration of the Dustless Dry Masonry Saw by James Cameron of **iQ Power Tools**.

James River Exteriors Signs Henrico Masonry Students

Henrico County held its' second Career and Technical Letter of Intent Signing Day on April 23, 2019. 110 students were signed on as employees by 66 different employers during this exciting event that highlighted all trades taught in the county of Henrico. The primary objective of the event is to 'celebrate and recognize high school students who will be graduating and completing a CTE (Career and Technical Education) concentration who will directly enter the workforce or some form of post-secondary training that is directly connected to developing the workforce such as apprenticeship programs'.

Mac Beaton, Director of CTE for Henrico County, designed the event in order to highlight the many lucrative opportunities for students so that they and their parents understand the value of the alternatives to a 4-year college. He hopes also to encourage businesses to engage with students prior to graduation in order to fulfill their workforce needs.



Rusty Hobson (far left) and Mike Chaney (far right) of James River Exteriors proudly signed Isaiah Mills and Emily Collier of ACE at Highland Springs.



The event has received national attention and is being used as a model for school districts across the country. VMA member, James River Exteriors took advantage of this incredible recruitment opportunity and hired five individuals from two different Henrico County Schools.

Mike Chaney of James River Exteriors stands with Academy at Virginia Randolph (AVR) students Jovant'e Montague, Kevonte Jackson and Darius Claiborne. Steve Phelps (Masonry Instructor at AVR- far right) shares their excitement.



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It's a **FUNDRAISER!** Bring cash \$ and be part of even more fun!

VMA GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Thursday, September 19, 2019
at Sycamore Creek Golf Course

1991 Manakin Road
Manakin-Sabot, Virginia 23103

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The new, improved VMA Apprenticeship Training Program is about to be launched! Your sponsorships will assist us in making the program as great as it is envisioned to be!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 18 - Contractors Mtg. With DOLI
- August 15 - Board Meeting
- September 12 - Board Meeting
- September 19, 2019 - Golf Tournament Apprenticeship Fundraiser ****Fundraising Event!!****
- October 10 - Board Meeting
- November 13, 2019 - HBAR Student Construction Conference



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