



A Word from Our President

"The momentum that the VMA Apprenticeship Training Program has taken on is very exciting! With 20 Apprentices ready to take on the challenge of our Advanced Masonry Class, we are proud to be training such eager future masons in order to prepare them for a career in masonry." -Rusty Hobson, VMA President



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.

VMA Supports Masonry Education, just like the banner says! VMA had a strong presence at the VICA/SkillsUSA District Competitions on March 7, 2018. Pictured here (from left to right): Chris Simmons (former VMA Apprenticeship Training Instructor and Competition Judge), Steve Phelps (current Apprenticeship Training Instructor), Bill Alexander of Triangle Brick (VMA Board Member), Joe Rioux of Argos Cement (VMA Board Member) and Marcia Meighan (VMA Executive Director).



Apprenticeships

VMA is excited and proud to announce that **20 Apprentices** completed the Intermediate Apprenticeship Training Program's Intermediate Class on March 26th!

VMA Members Get Pumped about Apprenticeships!!



Ryan Shaver of NCMCA (left) engages Kevin Martinuzzi of Masonomics and Rusty Hobson and Mike Chaney of James River Exteriors in a fun conversation about recruitment.

On Thursday, April 12th, Ryan Shaver, Workforce Development and Training Coordinator for the North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association (NCMCA) energized VMA members at the Joint Membership Meeting at Salisbury Country Club with his passionate talk on recruitment and training of apprentices and new masons. Special thanks to our beverage sponsors!



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Henrico County Masonry Students Tour Block Plant



Masonry students from two Henrico County Schools were invited to tour the Allied Concrete Products block plant on Willis Road in Chesterfield on Thursday, March 29th, 2018. The students enjoyed learning the entire process of how aggregates and cement are mixed, molded and fired to become the block that they are learning to lay in school. The students were very interested and asked some very good questions.

WINNERS!

VICA/SkillsUSA District Masonry Competitions

VMA Executive Director, Marcia Meighan presented prizes to the top finishers at the VICA/SkillsUSA District Masonry Competition on March 7, 2018. (from left to right)

3rd Place - Eddie Davis of ACE Center at Highland Springs

1st Place - Jordan Harris of ACE Center at Highland Springs

2nd Place - Mike Banks of Academy at Virginia Randolph.

Prizes included tool bags, trowels, levels and miscellaneous other materials, tools and goodies, generously donated by:



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept 19 - VMA Golf Tournament
Sycamore Creek Golf Course



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