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Construction Trade Association Holds Annual Craft Competition for a Chance to Compete Nationally

NORFOLK, VA -- The Associated Builders and Contractors, Virginia Chapter (ABC-VA) Hampton Roads Region held its annual craft competition for the Electrical (TECA) Apprenticeship Training Program on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at their training facility in Norfolk, Virginia.

There were four competitors from each trade competing for a chance to compete on a national level at the ABC National Craft Championships in Long Beach, California March 26-28, 2019.

(<http://ncc.abc.org/>).

The students competed in a compilation of an assigned, hands-on project as well as a written exam. The students competing from the Electrical trade included Mark Drew, L. E. Ballance Electrical; Mitchell Lancaster, IES Commercial, Inc.; Christopher Heck Jr., J. C. Driskill, Inc.; and Travis Hamilton, Associated Mechanical Co., Inc.

The winner for the Electrical Competition was Christopher Heck Jr., J. C. Driskill, Inc.

ABC-VA is very proud of all the competitors. They worked very hard for the chance to compete this year. None of this could have been made possible without our Instructors and Competition Judges: Bill Johnson Jr., ARGO Systems, Cary Fowler, JC Driskill; Craig Zagrocki, Watson Electrical Construction Co.; Bill Johnson Sr.; and Thomas Bennett.

We would also like to thank the following companies for donating the materials needed for the competition: IES Commercial, J. C. Driskill, Inc., L. E. Ballance Electrical, Watson Electrical Construction Co., and Graybar Electric Co., Inc.

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