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Associated Builders and Contractors Virginia Holds Annual Craft Competition for Electrical and HVAC Apprenticeship Programs

The Associated Builders and Contractors, Virginia Chapter (ABC-VA) Hampton Roads Region held its annual craft competitions for the Electrical and HVAC Apprenticeship Training Programs on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at their training facility in Norfolk, VA.

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 18-22, 2018. (<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 Trevor Donnelly, Power Electric; Chris Hamel, IES Commercial; and Donell Smith, IES Commercial. The students competing from the HVAC trade included Nathen Calle, ColonialWebb Contractors; Anthony Knight, ColonialWebb Contractors; Jacob Oest, Atlantic Constructors; and Chris Reid, Associated Mechanical Co.

The winner for the Electrical Competition was Donell Smith, IES Commercial.

The winner for the HVAC Competition was Nathen Calle, ColonialWebb Contractors.

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 the lead instructors: David Ballentine, ABC-VA Electrical Instructor and Mike Gesick, ABC-VA HVAC Instructor. Also, special thanks to our judges: Thomas Bennett, Power Electric; Cary Fowler, JC Driskill; Brian Gesick, MTS Refrigeration; Mike Gesick, MTS Refrigeration; Bill Johnson, IES Commercial; Matt Miller, ColonialWebb Contractors; and Craig Zagrocki, Watson Electrical Construction Co.

Thank you to our Competition Sponsor, Power Electric. We would also like to thank the following companies for donating the materials needed for these competitions: Atlantic Constructors, ColonialWebb Contractors, IES Commercial, Johnstone Supply, and MTS Refrigeration.

To learn more about the ABC-VA Apprenticeship Training Programs:
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