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Watson Electrical Construction Company and ColonialWebb Contractors Apprentices Win Annual Craft Competition in Norfolk

Hampton Roads, Va. – The Associated Builders and Contractors, Virginia Chapter (ABC-VA) Hampton Roads Region held its annual craft competition for the Electrical and HVAC Apprenticeship Training Programs on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016, at their training facility in Norfolk, Va.

Students qualified for ABC-VA's competition based on their scores from various written tests. During the competition, competitors had to complete a project with detailed drawings and finish a written exam.

The winners, Craig Zagrocki, Watson Electrical Construction Company (electrical) and Chase Sutton, ColonialWebb Contractors (HVAC), will represent ABC-VA at [ABC's National Craft Championships](#) Feb. 28 - March 3, 2017 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

“Associated Builders and Contractors is very proud of all these incredibly skilled competitors who worked very hard for the chance to compete this year,” said Patrick Dean, President, ABC Virginia Chapter. “None of this could have been made possible without our talented lead instructors that put this competition together.”

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Also competing at ABC-VA's craft competition were:

Electrical

Jeffrey Bay, J. C. Driskill, Inc
Timothy Kidd, ColonialWebb Contractors
Daniel Meddis, Power Electric

HVAC

Matthew Joyner, Associated Mechanical Companies
Martin Fernandez, MTS Refrigeration
Nicholas Santomauro, MTS Refrigeration

Students were led by ABC-VA Electrical Instructor David Ballentine and ABC-VA HVAC Instructor Mike Gesick..

The competition was judged by volunteers from ABC-VA member companies and included: Matt Miller, ColonialWebb Contractors, John Brown, Watson Electrical Construction Company, Thomas Bennet, Power Electric, and Bill Johnson, IES Commercial.

Photographs are available by contacting Nikki Lyon, communications director, ABC-VA at 703-968-6205 or nikki@abcva.org.

More information about ABC-VA's apprenticeship programs is available [on ABC-VA's website](#).

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