
Two Apprentices Advance to National Competition

On February 22, six apprentices competed in a hands-on competition at the SDAPHCC Annual Convention at The Lodge in Deadwood, SD.

The following plumbing apprentices had the 3 highest written test scores in their division and competed in the plumbing hands-on competition:

- Scott Bailey, Howe, Inc
- Hayden Weigel, Midwestern Mechanical
- Andrew Wilson, Midwestern Mechanical

The winner of the plumbing division was Andrew Wilson.

The following HVAC apprentices had the 3 highest written test scores in their division and competed in the HVAC hands-on competition:

- Dawson Craig, Wolff's Plumbing & Heating
- Dawson Grotjohn, Waterbury Heating & Cooling
- Alex Phrommony, Howe, Inc

The winner of the HVAC division was Alex Phrommony.

Both winners will receive a trip to Birmingham, AL where they will compete in the national apprentice competition at PHCC-National CONNECT 2024.

There were several members who worked hard to make this competition possible. Special thank you's to the following:

- Adam Sundermann and Howe Inc for hosting the written test in January.
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- Jesse Horst, Rapid City Winsupply; Michele Seeman, formerly Western Dakota Tech; Vince Berry, Southeast Technical College; Xavier Deblieck, Western Dakota Tech; and Colin Wunder, Energy Dynamics for judging.
- Brett Kaltvedt for organizing and administering the plumbing hands-on competition
- Dan Hartman for organizing and administering the HVAC hands-on competition
- Dennis Supply Group for sponsoring the HVAC equipment.
- Dakota Supply Group for sponsoring the plumbing supplies.
- Ferguson Enterprises for sponsoring the plumbing jackets.



Pictured l to r: Andrew Wilson, Hayden Weigel & Scott Bailey



Pictured l to r: Alex Phrommony, Dawson Craig, & Dawson Grotjohn

GOOD LUCK ALEX & ANDREW!

