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- August, 24, 2026, Creating Super Foremen Class, Sioux Falls
- August 28, 2026, Creating Super Foremen Class, Rapid City
- September 10, 2026, West River Golf Tournament, Spearfish, SD
- October 19-22, 2026, PHCC National Connect, Milwaukee, WI
- March 2-5, 2027, SD State Convention, Deadwood, SD

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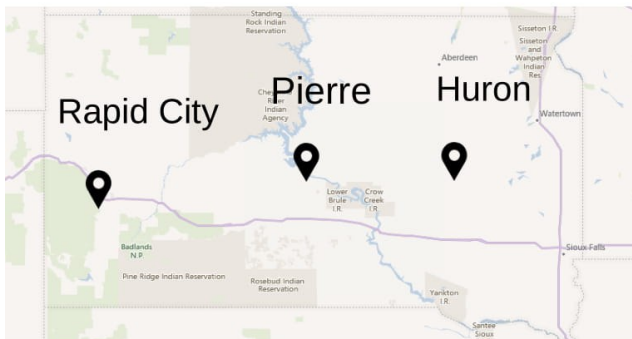
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President's Message



Hello, PHCC Members!

I had the opportunity to help with the National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference Plumbing Contest in Atlanta this June. There were 38 high school students competing in the event, and I was amazed by the skill level they demonstrated. It was incredible to see so many young people performing at such a high level.

There were also 12 post-secondary contestants, and South Dakota brought home the gold! In fact, South Dakota had 16 of 44 participants place in the top 10 of their respective divisions.

Events like SkillsUSA are critical to the future of our industry. They provide students with hands-on opportunities to develop technical skills, build confidence, and showcase their talents. More importantly, they help connect the next generation of skilled tradespeople with rewarding careers in our industry. As workforce development continues to be one of our biggest challenges, programs like SkillsUSA play a vital role in building the pipeline of future plumbing and HVAC professionals.

I feel very blessed to be part of this technical committee and to help support an event of this magnitude. With more than 7,000 students competing in over 115 events across 1.79 million square feet of competition space, it takes more than 2,000 volunteers to make this experience possible for these students.

I hope everyone's summer is going well. It seems like it is flying by. Here in West River, we are experiencing drought conditions, with very little rain to speak of. While that means less mowing, it also means a lot more watering to keep the garden growing.

Enjoy the summer! I hope you all have a great July, and I look forward to seeing some of you soon!

-Brett Kaltvedt, 2026 SDAPHCC President

SAVE THE DATE

March 2-5, 2027

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Hands-On Competition

Enjoy educational speakers, valuable networking,
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SDAPHCC Members Enjoy East River Golf Tournament

The SDAPHCC hosted the East River Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 25 at Grand Falls Casino Golf Course near Larchwood, IA.

Eighteen teams of golfers enjoyed 9 holes of golf followed by dinner. During dinner, a prize drawing was held and pin prizes were awarded. In addition, prizes were also given to the first place and second place teams.

A special thank you to the hole, dinner and prize sponsors for making this event possible (see page 6 for full list)

First Place Team



Pictured: SDAPHCC President Brett Kaltvedt and Sean Powell
Not Pictured: Sean Mayer, Jon Emerson & Corey Ackerman

Second Place Team



Pictured: Jeremy Seeman, SDAPHCC President Brett Kaltvedt, Chet Togel, Brent Veeder, Russ Greise

Pin Prize Winners

- Hole 1 - Longest Putt - Dick Wilson
- Hole 2 - Longest Drive - Brady Welk
- Hole 3 - Closest to the Pin in 2 - Sean Powell
- Hole 4 - Longest Drive - Sean Powell
- Hole 5 - Closest to Prize - Ryan Hoffman
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Creating Super Foremen!

AN INTRODUCTION TO BECOMING THE FIRST LINE OF MANAGEMENT

August 24, 2026 ♦ 8am-5pm ♦ Hilton Garden Inn South, Sioux Falls, SD
OR August 28, 2026 ♦ 8am-5pm ♦ Hilton Garden Inn, Rapid City, SD

IT'S GAME DAY—IS YOUR FOREMAN QB READY?

It's game day, your opponent is already on the field, and you call into the locker room for your foreman quarterback to take the field. Are they ready? Do they understand their role? Do they have the same game plan as you? Do they understand the scouting report on the opposition, and what it will take to win in this game? Are they confident and knowledgeable enough of the game plan to know when to stick with the plan, and when to audible?

The project foreman needs to be much more than just a talented journeyman who knows how to “go fast.” The foreman is the first line of management in the company, and must become the quarterback by learning more than just the technical trade skills required to install the work.

Like a quarterback, they must have a carefully crafted and practiced game plan (or else it's sandlot football), they must be able to execute the plan, they must be able to adjust the plan when teammates stumble or show less talent, they must provide accurate feedback to the coaches on the bench, and they must at all times keep their eyes on the goal of winning the construction project game!

This session provides a solid introduction to the management techniques and lessons presented in the PHCC Educational Foundation's full Super Foremen Workshop.

YOUR INSTRUCTOR:

Industry expert **Kirk Alter** will give attendees the tools they need to use on every project to keep the game running smoothly by providing the field workforce with the equipment, materials and information they need to keep productivity and profits at maximum. Attendees learn the rules of the construction game – and how to play to win it!



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- Being the First Line of Management
- Paperwork and the Reluctant Foreman
- Scheduling for Field Leaders
- How Much a “Little Favor” Really Costs
- What to Do When It Hits the Fan – Managing Change on the Project

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED – Registration is limited to just 24 participants. Most companies send multiple attendees to get everyone operating by the same playbook and take advantage of our extra registration discount.

This session is presented in a highly interactive format. This is not a “sit & listen” workshop. Our instructor delivers a lively presentation and active participation in the class is a requirement of attendance. All attendees must bring a laptop loaded with Dropbox, Word and Excel (or Google Docs/Sheets).





Creating Super Foremen!

A WORKSHOP FOR THE FIRST LINE OF MANAGEMENT

August 24, 2026 ♦ 8am-5pm ♦ Hilton Garden Inn South, Sioux Falls, SD

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REGISTRATION FORM

Register by completing this form and returning it to the SDAPHCC Office by August 7, 2026.

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Registration Includes: A full day of instruction, lunch, plus digital access to all course handouts.



SELECT LOCATION

☐ August 24, 2026 – Sioux Falls, SD

☐ August 28, 2026 – Rapid City, SD

LIST ATTENDEE AND COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE SUPER FOREMEN WORKSHOP

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"It's definitely not your typical class. It's a lot more interactive, a lot more involved. I guess because [instructor Kirk Alter] has been there, he's done it, he knows how it goes, and he can get on your level. ... I don't think you can get better information anywhere, really."

— Billy Jones, COPPERA in Taylor, Texas

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PHCC CONNECT 2026 Keynote Speaker Announced

*Dr. Rick Goodman, leadership expert and motivational speaker,
to headline PHCC CONNECT 2026 in Milwaukee*

Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors–National Association (PHCC) announces Dr. Rick Goodman, internationally recognized leadership expert, motivational speaker and bestselling author, as the keynote speaker for PHCC CONNECT 2026, taking place October 19–22 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Known for his high-energy presentations and leadership strategies, Dr. Goodman has spent more than 30 years helping organizations strengthen workplace culture, improve communication and inspire teams to achieve greater success. Dr. Goodman will present a keynote titled, “The Hidden ROI of Belonging: Building a Symphony of Talent in the Workplace.” His keynote presentation at CONNECT 2026 will focus on leadership, resilience and creating stronger connections within teams and organizations—topics especially relevant for today’s plumbing and HVACR contractors navigating workforce challenges and evolving business demands.

“We are excited to welcome Dr. Rick Goodman and his dynamic approach to CONNECT 2026. PHCC CONNECT is about bringing contractors together to learn, collaborate and return home with ideas they can immediately put into action,” said Jason Pritchard, president of PHCC–National Association. “Dr. Rick Goodman’s expertise in leadership and communication aligns perfectly with the conference theme and the challenges contractors are facing today.”

Hosted at the Baird Center, CONNECT 2026 will bring together plumbing and HVACR contractors from across the country for education, networking and business-building opportunities centered around this year’s theme, “Building Community. Advancing the Industry.”

CONNECT 2026 will feature three days of educational programming, networking opportunities, and the Product & Technology Showcase, which will span October 20–21. Additional conference highlights include the Opening Brew City Bash, a closing celebration at the Harley-Davidson Museum and an awards breakfast recognizing industry achievements.

For more details, including the schedule-at-a-glance, visit phccweb.org/CONNECT. This site offers information on education sessions, speakers, exhibitors, registration and hotel reservations, as well as the many attractions that Milwaukee has to offer. Register today [here](#).





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Bradford White, which is headquartered in Ambler, Pennsylvania, has donated 20 water heating products to two nearby training facilities: the PHCC Training Center in Aston and the Western Montgomery Technical Training Center in Limerick. These donations will provide students and apprentices with hands-on learning opportunities, using high-quality, state-of-the-art equipment.

In addition to the product donations, Bradford White has also announced monetary donations to five local chapters of the PHCC:

- PHCC of Massachusetts
- PHCC of South Dakota
- PHCC of Wisconsin
- PHCC of Texas
- PHCC of Louisiana



The contributions are intended to support the educational and workforce training programs each chapter provides within their communities.

"Part of our mission is investing in these organizations and the incredible work they do equipping up-and-coming plumbing and HVAC professionals," said Neal Heyman, senior director of marketing for Bradford White. "We remain committed to elevating awareness of the critical role the trades play in strengthening our communities, and in helping prepare the trades professionals of tomorrow."

The donations are being made through Bradford White's signature giving program, [Industry Forward®](#), which focuses on promoting careers in the skilled trades and supporting educational initiatives that help address the growing demand for qualified workers across the industry. Bradford White proudly supports and celebrates the skilled trades professionals whose expertise and dedication keep communities running strong. Their essential work serves as the backbone of both the plumbing/HVAC industry as well as Bradford White's business.

"Support like this helps provide students, apprentices and contractors with the resources they need to build skill and confidence," said Elicia Magruder, vice president of business development for PHCC National Association. "Thanks to the donations from Bradford White, we're able to deliver a much more immersive and comprehensive educational experience for current and aspiring trade professionals."

For more information about Bradford White Corporation, visit bradfordwhite.com.

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National Plumbing Competition Draws Top Talent to SkillsUSA Championship in Atlanta

By Staff Writer, PHCC Educational Foundation

PHCC Educational Foundation Sees Competition as Training Ground for Next-Gen Trade Professionals to Help Close Industry's 114,000 Worker Deficit

The annual SkillsUSA's National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) once again brought the nation's top plumbing talent to the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. The two-day competition held on June 2nd and 3rd featured exceptional men and women of all ages vying for the coveted gold, silver and bronze medals.

The 2026 National Plumbing Competition drew 48 of the country's top plumbing students currently enrolled in high school, vocational, technical and post-secondary schools. Each sporting matching blue work uniforms, safety glasses and steel-toe boots, this year's contestants earned their spot on the national stage by winning a rigorous local or state competition to qualify.

Over the course of a day and a half, the competitors put their plumbing skills, STEM knowledge and good old-fashion elbow grease to the test. The timed event required them to rough-in a bathroom using copper, PVC and cast-iron piping materials, showcasing their proficiency with cutting and assembling tools. In the end, nearly all of them successfully completed the complex assignment with six taking home top honors across the secondary and post-secondary categories.

The 2026 winners are:

Secondary Category:

- **GOLD** – Beckham Dickson, Davis Technical College, Kaysville, Utah
- **SILVER** – Joseph Grzegorzczuk, Bay Arenac ISD Career Center, Bay City, Michigan
- **BRONZE** – Parker Haydt, Bethlehem AVTS, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Post-Secondary Category

- **GOLD** – Anton Allen, Western Dakota Technical College, Rapid City, South Dakota
- **SILVER** – Agustin Gonzalez-Lopez, Erwin Technical College, Tampa, Florida
- **BRONZE** – David Thompson, Davis Technical College, Kaysville, Utah

The National Plumbing Competition puts a critical spotlight on the future trade workforce at a time when the industry is facing a major skilled labor shortage. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the plumbing-heating-cooling (p-h-c) industry will need approximately 114,500 workers by 2028, making events like SkillsUSA and others like it around the country a vital training ground for the next generation of trade professionals.

The PHCC Educational Foundation has long been a dedicated supporter of the event, partnering with SkillsUSA and allied industry organizations for decades to promote and build up the trades.

"The National Plumbing Competition shines a light on one of the fastest-growing and most in-demand jobs in America that doesn't require a four-year degree," said Dan Quinonez, executive director of the PHCC Educational Foundation. "The level of talent that is demonstrated on this floor is truly inspiring. Each year, we see a surge of interest from students across the country eager to participate in local competitions just to get a shot at competing here in Atlanta. Our hope is that events like this one will inspire people of all backgrounds to enter



SkillsUSA Competition continued

the trades, make it a career and help us close that skills gap.”

The execution of this year’s competition was made possible by the generous support and donations from major corporate sponsors including: American Supply Association (ASA), Bernzomatic, Bradford White, BrassCraft, the Cast Iron Pipe Institute (CISPI), Charlotte Pipe & Foundry, Copper Development Association Inc., Delta Faucet, Home Depot Pro, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), Kohler Co., McWane, Milwaukee Tool, MrPEX® Systems, Oatey, Rheem Manufacturing, Sioux Chief, Tyler Pipe and Coupling, Viega, and Zoeller.



The SkillsUSA Championships serve as the premier showcase for America’s most highly skilled career and technical education students, standing as one of the largest hands-on workforce development events in the world. This year’s week long conference drew nearly 20,000 attendees with 7,002 state champions from across the U.S. competing head-to-head in 115 skilled and leadership competitions.

The 2027 SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference will take place June 21-25 in Atlanta. To learn more about the PHCC Educational Foundation please visit: <https://www.phccfoundation.org>. To learn more about SkillsUSA, please visit: <https://www.skillsusa.org/>.



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SD Apprentices Shine at National SkillsUSA Championship

Two apprentices from South Dakota recently competed and placed in the National SkillsUSA Competition in Atlanta, GA, on June 1-5, 2026.

Anton Allen, an apprentice with Wolff's Plumbing, placed first in the Post-Secondary Plumbing Competition. Anton is also a student at Western Dakota Technical College. (See story on pages 13 & 14 for more information).



Anton Allen



Trevor Boesel

Trevor Boesel, an apprentice with Frisbees Plumbing, Heating, A/C, & Electrical, placed third in the Post-Secondary HVAC Competition. Trevor is also a student at Southeast Technical College and competed against 25 other students.

The HVAC competition includes a series of testing stations designed to assess skills identified by industry HVACR standards. Industry equipment used during the workstations portion of the competition may include, but is not limited to, ice machines, refrigerated display cases, small package HVAC units, furnaces and split-system air conditioning and/or heat pump systems, mini-split and/or ductless systems, and geothermal units.

In addition, while Trevor was at the event, he also participated in the ESCO group "Did you know HVAC Show" podcast.



SDAPHCC is proud to help these apprentices attend the competition by contributing to their travel expenses.

Congratulations Anton and Trevor!

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Next testing dates:

Sioux Falls - July 10

Rapid City - July 24

Strategic Planning Session Highlights Exciting Opportunities for the SDAPHCC

On June 24, 2026, the SDAPHCC Board of Directors held Strategic Planning Session for the association. Katie Johnson, of EOS Worldwide, facilitated the one day event at her office in Sioux Falls.

Using the EOS Model, Katie helped the group identify their vision and core values. In addition to setting short term and long term goals, the Board also created a list of ideas and issues to further develop.



A special thank you to Katie Johnson who donated her time and expertise to lead the Board through these discussions and helped facilitate exciting plans for the future.

Watch the PipeChatter for more information as details develop.

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SDAPHCC West River Golf Tournament

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2026 Online Plumbing Continuing Ed Course Now Available, Plus Additional Virtual Class



The SDAPHCC, in partnership with IAPMO, is happy to announce that the 2026 Online Plumbing Continuing Education Class is now available.

In addition, a virtual class will also be held this fall for anyone who still needs their 2026 credits.

Online Course

The online continuing education course is designed to be user friendly and flexible. It allows users to come and go as their schedule permits, and progress through the program at their own pace. At the completion of the course, users receive a downloadable certificate found in their training history and their completed status will be reported to the state.

IAPMO has created a 4-hour course priced at \$110. The course is titled 2026 SD/IA Online CE - SD Plumbing Code, 2024 Code Changes (IBU-010541)". To access the class, visit www.iapmolearn.org. Type "South Dakota" into the search and scroll down to find the 2026 class.

Virtual Course

The Virtual Class will be held on November 16 from 6pm-10pm (Central Time). This course is a live class delivered virtually to attendees via zoom. A live instructor will teach the class with a moderator from IAPMO. The cost for the class is \$80 per person.

To register, visit www.iapmolearn.org. Type "South Dakota" into the search. Scroll down to find the class titled "2026 SD/IA CE - SD Plumbing Code, 2024 Code Changes". Click on "Choose Session" and select "Virtual Class (IBU-010431)".

Registration Information for Both Classes

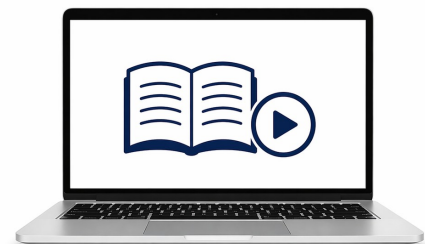
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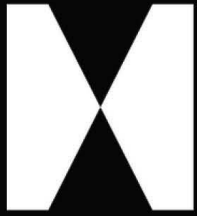
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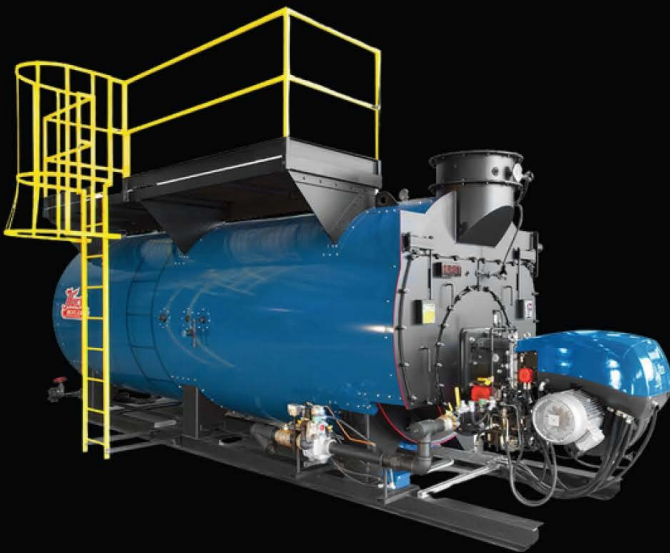
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Louisiana's HB953: A Warning Sign for the Trades

On June 12, 2026, Governor Jeff Landry signed HB953 into law — and with it, Louisiana enacted what PHCC believes to be the most damaging rollback of plumbing licensure standards seen anywhere in the country in recent memory. For context: in 2019, the Texas Legislature nearly allowed its state plumbing licensing board to sunset entirely before Governor Greg Abbott intervened to preserve it. HB953 doesn't go that far, but in some ways, what it does is more consequential.



The law does not eliminate plumbing licensure, but it dismantles the independent governance structure that has made Louisiana's plumbing licensing framework effective. The State Plumbing Board of Louisiana — until now the only building trade in the state with its own independent regulatory authority — is being folded into the Louisiana State Licensing Board of Contractors as a subcommittee, with the Board of Contractors assuming ultimate authority over license issuance. Decisions that were once made by subject matter experts and experienced plumbing professionals will now be made by a body without that specialized expertise.

The most consequential provision, however, involves hours requirements. Beginning Jan. 1, 2027, apprentices will need only 2,500 hours to sit for the journeyman's exam, and journeymen will need only 1,000 hours of work experience to be eligible for a contractor's license. These reductions create a compounding risk: less-prepared workers entering the market faster, at every level of the licensing pipeline.

Louisiana is not an isolated case. PHCC has been tracking a troubling pattern across the country as states and localities pursue the weakening of building trade licensing requirements, building code freezes, and broad reciprocity agreements — all under the banner of housing affordability. California has seen residential code freezes. North Carolina is weighing a proposal for unlimited licensing reciprocity with no evaluation of whether other states maintain comparable standards.

What was once a largely partisan policy posture is now drawing bipartisan support, because the affordability argument is politically appealing — regardless of what it actually costs in building safety, workforce quality, and long-term resilience.

The problem with that logic is straightforward: cutting corners doesn't lower costs, it defers them. Work done by undertrained hands creates failures that must be repaired — and those repairs cost far more than the savings ever justified.

More fundamentally, the plumbing and HVAC trades aren't an abstraction. They are the systems that deliver clean water, maintain indoor air quality, and protect the health and safety of every building occupant. The public risk of weakening the standards that govern this work is real and serious.

PHCC urges our state and local chapters and industry partners to take this moment seriously. Engage your elected officials proactively. Make the case for a well-trained workforce and a rigorous licensing framework — not as a matter of professional self-interest, but as a matter of public health and safety. And know that PHCC stands ready to support you in that work.

PHCC will be rolling out a new webpage of resources and stories that can be used to help make these arguments in state capitals across the country. Stay tuned for that and more, and if you have any questions in the meantime, please reach out to us at government@naphcc.org.

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OSHA 10 Overview

The OSHA 10-Hour Construction Industry Outreach training course is a comprehensive safety program designed for anyone involved in the construction industry especially safety directors foremen and field supervisors. OSHA recommends Outreach Training Programs as an orientation to occupational safety and health for workers covered by OSHA 29 CFR 1926. Construction workers must receive additional training when required by OSHA standards on specific hazards of the job.

Cost: \$49 per person



OSHA 30 Overview

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Cost: \$149 per person

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PHCC NATIONAL'S CANDIDATE'S CORNER

There currently is one candidate running for 2026 PHCC—National Vice President. Meet Tyler Arndt ... and watch for more messages from him in future issues.

"This past month, I had the privilege of speaking at the PHCC of Virginia Apprenticeship Graduation and Awards Ceremony. It was a special honor and a chance to reflect on my own PHCC journey. Years ago, I was in those graduates' shoes, an apprentice learning the trade and discovering the opportunities that PHCC provides. I never could have imagined that journey would lead to leadership roles, national competitions, and the opportunity to speak at events like this. Looking around the room, I saw the future of our industry in the graduates, instructors, contractors, and families who were there to celebrate their success. It was a powerful reminder that PHCC's greatest investment is in its people and that our future is bright when we continue to develop the next generation of industry leaders."

The election will take place at the 2026 PHCC Annual Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 20, at CONNECT 2026 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



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2026 SD Educational Foundation Scholarship Winners

The SDAPHCC Educational Foundation is excited to announce the 2026 Scholarship Award Winners. Brody Ellison and Peyton Eustace will each receive \$2,000 to be used towards their tuition.

Brody Ellison is a recent graduate of Timber Lake High School. He plans to study HVAC at Mitchell Technical College in the fall. This summer, he will work for a local HVAC company to gain experience and further his skills. Brody has also worked at the local café and other various jobs. His long term career goal is to establish and grow his own HVAC business.

Peyton Eustace recently graduated from Yankton High School. He will attend Southeast Technical College in the fall to study plumbing. During high school, Peyton was active in football and wrestling, winning several awards for hard work and leadership. He also completed a high school internship with Fejfar Plumbing & Heating.

Both award recipients had letters of recommendation that spoke highly of their character, leadership skills, and work ethic.

The SDAPHCC Educational Foundation Scholarship Program strives to elevate the technical and business competence of the plumbing, heating, and cooling industry by awarding scholarships to young people who wish to attain a career in the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Industry.

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From the Executive's Desk



By Kristie Brunick

Strategic Planning, Board Meeting, Golf Tournament - WOW!

Last week was incredibly fun and exciting (and a little exhausting). On June 24, the Board of Directors held a Strategic Planning Session with Katie Johnson of EOS Worldwide. Katie lead the group through a full day of mindful and passionate discussion. The Board set big goals and identified exciting opportunities. I left the day feeling re-energized and encouraged.

This association is so fortunate to have a group of leaders who are willing to give of their time and talents for the betterment of the industry. Continue to watch the PipeChatter for more specifics as we refine the details of the plan.

Prior to the golf outing, the Board held it's summer meeting on June 25, at Grand Falls Casino. During this meeting, they were able to officially approve some decisions from the planning session and begin putting plans into motion.

In particular, the Board voted to create 4 new committees. These committees will help manage and direct specific association activities. They will also provide an additional avenue for members to be involved. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on a committee.

Lastly, the East River Golf Tournament was held on the afternoon of June 25 at Grand Falls Casino Golf Course. I'm happy to report that we had a sold out event with 18 full teams and several sponsors. It was a fun afternoon with amazing weather, friendly competition, great prizes, and good food! Thank you to all golfers and sponsors who participated!

"Creating Super Foremen" Classes with Kirk Alter

There is still time to claim a spot in one of our upcoming classes with National speaker, Kirk Alter.

Kirk will be teaching the "Creating Super Foremen" class on August 24 in Sioux Falls and on August 28 in Rapid City. See pages 7 and 8 for more details and registration information.

Bradford White Donation to SDAPHCC

I was pleasantly surprised and honored to receive a message that the SDAPHCC was selected as a recipient of Bradford White's Industry Forward grant program.

SDAPHCC was one of five associations selected by Bradford White for this funding opportunity based on our commitment to workforce development and training initiatives.

The Board is excited to use these funds to continue to provide valuable training and workforce development opportunities in SD. For more information, see the full article on page 12.

West River Golf Tournament

NEW COMMITTEES CREATED

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Exec's Message continued

We now look to our next event...The West River Golf Tournament which will be held on September 10 at Elkhorn Ridge Golf Course in Spearfish, SD. Registration for golfers and sponsors is open. See page 17 for more details.

Outstanding SD Students/Apprentices

It is so fun to see excellence in the next generation of industry professionals.

Brody Ellison, from Timber Lake, and Peyton Eustace, from Yankton, were recently awarded scholarships from the SD Educational Foundation to attend SD schools for HVAC and plumbing. See page 23 for more details.

In addition, two apprentices recently attended and placed in the National SkillsUSA competition. Anton Allen, Wolff's Plumbing & Heating, received first place in the plumbing division and Trevor Boesel received 3rd place in the HVAC division. See pages 13-15 for more information.

2026 Continuing Education Online and Virtual

I'm happy to announce that our online CE course is available for anyone who was not able to attend one of our in-person classes. This class allows participants to complete their training at their own pace.

We also have a second virtual class scheduled for the evening of November 16. This class will be taught by a live instructor via zoom.

For more information, see page 18



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