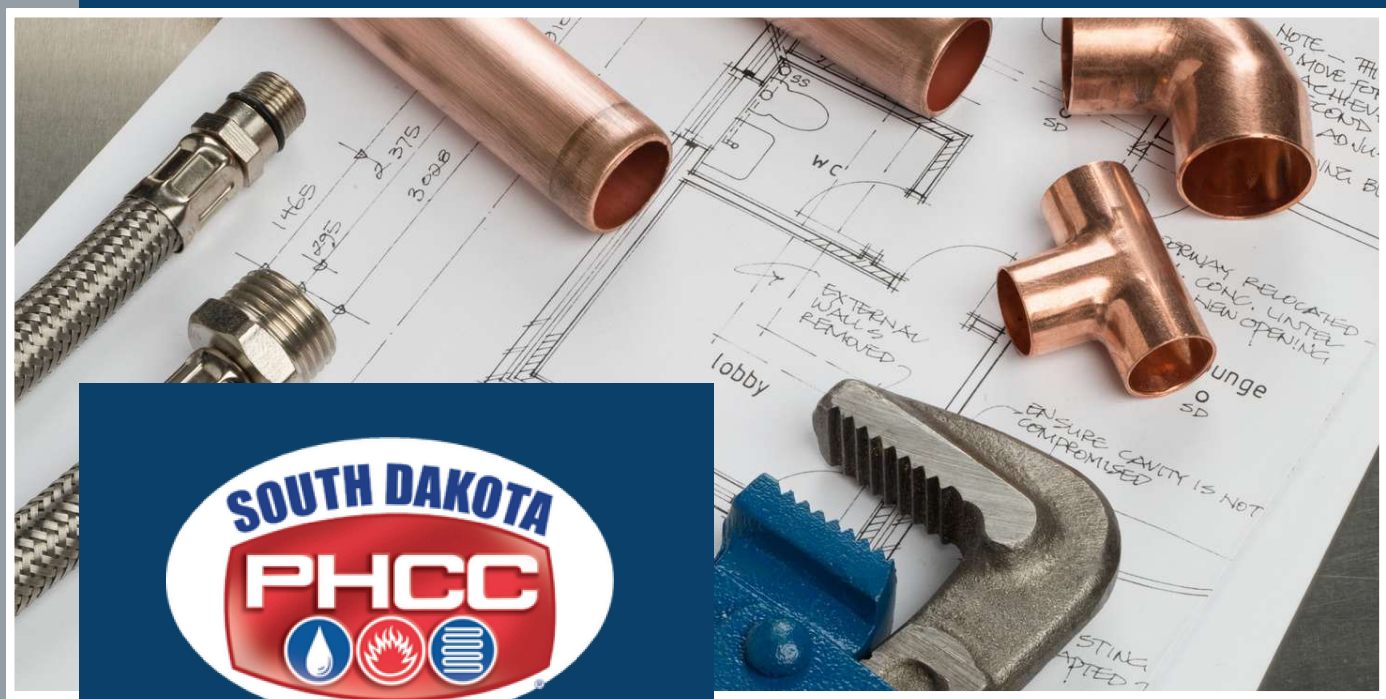
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NOVEMBER 16, 2026
VIRTUAL PLUMBING CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASS

JANUARY 12–15, 2027
MED GAS CLASS, RAPID CITY, SD

MARCH 2–5, 2027
SD STATE CONVENTION, RAPID CITY, SD

MARCH 2027
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December 31, 2026
Membership Renewals Due

January 8, 2027
Written Testing for Apprentice Contest

January 12-15, 2027
Med Gas Class, Rapid City

January 14, 2027
Registration deadline for convention hotel rooms

March 2, 2027
SD HVAC Apprentice Hands-On Competition
The Lodge, Deadwood, SD

March 3-5, 2027
SD Annual State Convention, SD Plumbing Apprentice Hands-On Competition and PHCC-National HVAC Apprentice Hands-On Competition
The Lodge, Deadwood, SD

March 2027
In-Person Plumbing Continuing Education Classes in various locations throughout SD



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, PHCC Members!
Well, October is in the books, summer is officially gone, and I'm still trying to figure out how we got here so fast!

I just returned from PHCC Connect in Milwaukee, and once again, South Dakota showed up in a big way!

We had three contestants compete in the National Plumbing Apprentice Contest, Joe Adam from MWM received the HVAC Instructor Award, Dan Hartman and South Dakota received special recognition for the National HVAC Contest, and MWM was named Plumbing Contractor of the Year. Not a bad showing for our little corner of the country!

We also held our SDPHCC Board meeting there for the first time, and several of our members attended PHCC Connect for the first time as well. From what I could tell, everyone had a great experience. Hopefully, we've created a few new PHCC Connect fans!

Since I accepted the role on the Plumbing Technical Committee, I spent most of my time around the Plumbing Apprentice Competition and got to see some seriously impressive talent. I know I've said it before, but there are some outstanding young people coming into our industry. Seeing their skills and dedication gives me a lot of confidence in the future of our trades. We're in good hands, provided we can keep them supplied with tools, coffee, and maybe a little less paperwork!

The closing event was held at the Harley-Davidson Museum, which is a great place to explore, especially if you enjoy motorcycles. Even if you aren't a motorcycle enthusiast, it's worth checking out.

Of course, you can't visit Milwaukee without doing a little research on the local food scene. Everywhere we went, we felt it was our duty to sample the cheese curds. I'm happy to report that they all passed the Tracy test, which is no small accomplishment considering they're one of her favorite foods. We take our responsibilities as PHCC members seriously, especially when cheese curds are involved!

Next year, PHCC Connect heads to Fort Worth, Texas, and I'm already looking forward to it. I'm sure there will be plenty of great people, good information, and new experiences. I suppose we'll have to do some important research on Texas barbecue while we're there, too. It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it!

I hope everyone has a wonderful November. Stay warm, stay busy, and hopefully, we'll get a little time to enjoy the fall before winter reminds us who's really in charge around here. I look forward to seeing many of you soon!

-Brett Kaltvedt, 2026 SDAPHCC President

SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The SDAPHCC is currently seeking Contractor Members to serve on its Board of Directors. The Board meets in-person three times a year and virtually as needed. If you are interested in collaborating with other contractors to improve the association and the industry, please contact the SDAPHCC office. kristie.phcc@midco.net or 605-271-7255

MIEDICAL GAS CLASS REGISTRATION

CLASS DETAILS

- January 12-15, 2027
- 8:00am - 5:00pm each day
- Rapid City, SD
- Registration deadline: 12/31/26
- Tuition: $1,625 per person (PHCC Member) or $1825 per person (non-PHCC Member)

The class will consist of training in all facets of medical gas pipeline equipment installation for hospitals, office-based occupancies, nursing homes and other health care facilities. A portion of the class will be devoted to learning proper brazing techniques and requirements for working with medical gas equipment and piping.

TO REGISTER: Complete the following form and send with tuition payment to: SDAPHCC, 707 E 41st St, #220, Sioux Falls, SD 57105 Registration Deadline: 12/31/26. Make checks payable to: SDAPHCC.

Registration Form for Medical Gas Training Seminar

Please fill out a separate form for each student.
Please print or type – this information will be used for your permanent records.

Name of Student _____ (nickname if any)_____

Address of Student_____

City _____ State _____Zip_____

Phone # _____ Last 4 Numbers of Social Security No.XXX-XX- _____

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Master Plumber _____ Journeyman _____ Apprentice_____ Yrs experience_____

Field Supervisor_____ Inspector_____ Estimator_____ Other job title_____

In-house hospital personnel (please specify position)_____

Current license No's. (if any) _____ States: _____

Do you currently work on medical gas pipelines? Yes _____ No _____

Are you familiar with NFPA 99? Yes _____ No _____

Name of Employer _____ Company phone _____

Address of Company _____

Company Email _____

MIEDICAL GAS CLASS INFORMATION

ABOUT THE COURSE

A Medical gas installation and brazing class will be held in Rapid City, SD on January 12-15, 2027. Classes will run from 8:00 am to about 5:00 pm. Students will need to bring paper and pencils for note taking and highlighters.

Contractor employees need to be journeyman level, or active in an apprentice program for at least four years. Estimators, construction company officials and hospital employees who will not be installing medical gas systems, and building officials/inspectors, are welcome into the class with the four year requirement waived.

NFPA has mandated brazing qualifications since 1993. NFPA 99 now mandates that all installers meet the requirements of the A.S.S.E. series 6010, 32 -hour course. In addition, many major design firms now mandate compliance with the ANSI/A.S.S.E. 6000 series in their specifications. As of July 2016 the federal government has mandated compliance with the 2012 edition of NFPA 99.

Class will consist of training in all facets of medical gas pipeline equipment installation for hospitals, office-based occupancies, nursing homes and other health care facilities.

A portion of the class will be devoted to learning proper brazing techniques and requirements for working with medical gas equipment and piping. The textbook for the class will be the 2018 edition of NFPA 99 and will be provided, as well as other learning aids.

Students will also be required to successfully complete a written examination as well as a brazing practical in which you be required to braze vertical and horizontal full-penetration joints on 1-½" tubing and the brazing coupons will be tested by a Certified Welding Inspector at an independent laboratory.

Class fees will include the use of turbo torches and acetylene.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR



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APPRENTICE CONTEST REGISTRATION

ENTER YOUR APPRENTICE



Plumbing Division or HVAC Division

Written Testing for both divisions held at 1pm on January 8, 2027 in Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown, & Pierre

State Plumbing Hands-On Competition held March 3 & 4 at the SDAPHCC State Convention in Deadwood, SD.

Winning Contestant receives trip to National Competition at CONNECT 2027 in Fort Worth, TX on October 25-28, 2027



State HVAC Hands-On Competition held March 2 at SDAPHCC State Convention in Deadwood, SD.

Winning Contestant stays for National HVAC Hands-On Competition on March 3 & 4 at SDAPHCC State Convention in Deadwood, SD.

Registration Deadline: December 31, 2026

See contest guidelines for more information

REGISTRATION FORM

Instructions: Please return the completed Application form by December 31, 2026 to: SDAPHCC, 707 East 41st St. #220, Sioux Falls, SD 57105 or kristie.phcc@midco.net.

Contestant Name: _____ Year of Apprenticeship:_____

Personal Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Phone: _____Email:_____

Employer Company:_____

Employer City:_____ Phone:_____

Employer Contact Person:_____ Title:_____

Employer Email:_____

Indicate Division (check one): Plumbing_____ HVAC_____

Testing Location (check one): Rapid City____ Sioux Falls_____ Pierre____ Watertown_____

APPRENTICE CONTEST GUIDELINES

The SDAPHCC hosts an annual apprentice competition in conjunction with its Annual Convention. Apprentices can compete in either the Plumbing Division or the HVAC Division.

Competition Overview
Apprentices first compete in a written competition. The top three contestants in each division advance to the state hands-on competition. The first-place winner of the state hands-on competition in each division will then advance to the national competition.

Written Competition Details
Held at 1pm on 1/8/27 in the following locations:

- Rapid City: 3536 Eglin St (Midwestern Mechanical)
- Sioux Falls: 712 E 3rd St (Howe, Inc)
- Pierre: 1802 E Dakota Ave (Wheelhouse Plumbing)
- Watertown: 9 N Maple (Andor, Inc/Taecker Plumbing & Heating)

Written Test Schedule

- 12:45 pm – Contestants Arrive and Check In
- 1:00 pm – Testing Starts (no exceptions or late starts)
- 3:00 pm – Testing Ends

IMPORTANT NOTE: Contestants will need to provide a driver's license or other valid picture ID at the time of testing.

Tests will be graded at a later date and results will be issued within the next week. In the case of a tie, the time that the test was turned in will be the tie breaker with the shortest test time as the winner.

Plumbing Hands-On Competition Details
The State Plumbing Hands-on Competition will be held on March 3 & 4 during the Annual SDAPHCC State Convention, at The Lodge, in Deadwood, SD. Winners will be announced on Thursday night during the trade show.

The National Plumbing Competition will be held on October 25-28, at the PHCC National Convention in Fort Worth, TX.

HVAC Hands-On Competition Details
The State HVAC Hands-on Competition will be held on March 2, during the Annual SDAPHCC State Convention, at The Lodge, in Deadwood, SD. Winners will be announced that night at the opening reception.

The National HVAC Competition will be held on March 3 & 4 during the Annual SDAPHCC State Convention, at The Lodge, in Deadwood, SD. Winners will be announced on Thursday night during the trade show.

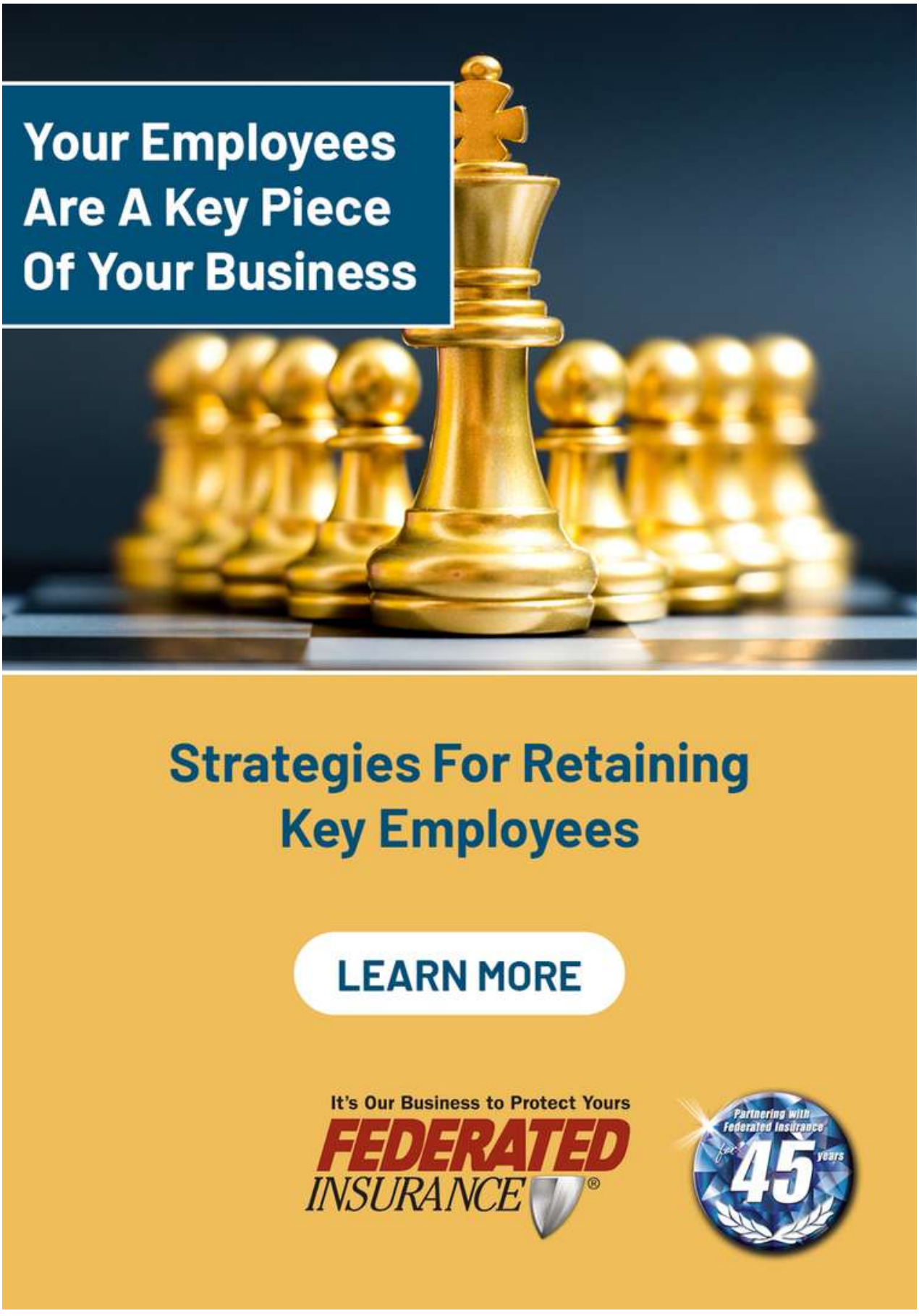
Winners of the National HVAC Competition will also be invited to travel to the National Convention, where they will be formerly recognized.

National Convention Details
The National Convention will be held on October 25-28, 2027 in Fort Worth, TX. Contestants will compete against apprentices from across the nation in a written and a hands-on competition.

PHCC National provides travel funds for airfare and lodging plus free convention registration for contestants. SDAPHCC provides one free guest plane ticket per SD contestant.

Additional Contest Guidelines

- Employers must be a member of the SDAPHCC.
- Apprentices must be a second-year apprentice or higher during 2026 and shall not have attained journeyman status.
- Plumbing apprentices must be a registered apprentice with the South Dakota Plumbing Commission.
- HVAC apprentices must be EPA 608 certified.
- The contestants should not have previously competed at the National PHCC competition.


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PHCC CONNECT 2026 DELIVERS A STRONG INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE IN MILWAUKEE



The Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC) recently welcomed professionals from across the country to Milwaukee for PHCC CONNECT 2026, October 19–22. Drawing the highest attendance in many years, CONNECT delivered business solutions, innovative technologies and new connections to help contractors strengthen their businesses and advance the industry.

This year's event – themed "Building Community. Advancing the Industry." – featured more than 20 educational sessions, interactive discussions and opportunities for contractors to network with peers and industry experts. Attendees explored topics ranging from business growth and workforce development to emerging technologies and strategies for strengthening their companies. The expanded two-day Product & Technology Showcase gave attendees more opportunities to meet with manufacturers, explore new products and technologies and discover solutions designed to support their businesses and jobsites.

CONNECT 2026 also featured new opportunities for connection and education, including Link Up: Shaping the Future of Women in the Industry Networking Event, which brought women from across the trades together to network and share experiences.

Showcase attendees also explored Milwaukee Central, highlighting manufacturers with ties to the region, and new industry training vehicles that brought hands-on education directly to the show floor.

The prestigious 2026 Colonel George D. Scott Award was presented to PHCC Past National President Eddie Hollub (2002-2003), president of Modern Plumbing and Air Conditioning in Pasadena, Texas, recognizing his years of service and devotion to the association and the industry. This award honors those whose efforts have significantly benefited other plumbing, heating and cooling contractors.

CONNECT 2026 also marked an important leadership transition for PHCC as CEO Cindy Sheridan was recognized for her upcoming retirement following 26 years of service to the association. PHCC National COO Dan Quinonez will succeed Sheridan as PHCC's new CEO, continuing the association's commitment to serving its members and advancing the plumbing and HVACR industry.

"CONNECT is about bringing our industry together to share ideas, learn from one another and build relationships that move our industry forward," said Jason Pritchard, president of the PHCC-National Association. "The conversations and connections made at CONNECT help strengthen our businesses, our workforce and the future of the trades."

PHCC thanks the attendees, exhibitors, speakers and sponsors who helped make CONNECT 2026 a success and contributed to another strong gathering of the plumbing and HVACR community.

Next year's conference will be held October 25-28 in Fort Worth, Texas. Contractors are encouraged to mark their calendars now for this opportunity to continue building connections and enhancing their businesses.

For more information about PHCC and future CONNECT events, visit phccweb.org/events.

by Staff Writer, PHCC-National

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MIDWESTERN MECHANICAL INC RECEIVES 2026 PLUMBING CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR



A commitment to developing skilled tradespeople, embracing technology, and strengthening the plumbing profession has defined Midwestern Mechanical Inc.'s leadership in the industry. The Sioux Falls, South Dakota, company has been named the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC) 2026 Plumbing Contractor of the Year. Cody Schroeder, Midwestern Mechanical's education and development manager, accepted the award on behalf of the company recently during PHCC CONNECT 2026 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The award is sponsored by Delta Faucet.

Workforce development is a cornerstone of Midwestern Mechanical's business. The company operates an in-house apprenticeship program that prepares more than 100 apprentices annually and supports ongoing education for journeymen by providing opportunities through suppliers, training professionals, and PHCC-affiliated programs, including foreman and medical gas training.

Midwestern Mechanical's commitment to developing the next generation of skilled trades professionals extends beyond its own apprenticeship program. The company was instrumental in establishing PHCC of South Dakota's Plumbing Apprentice Contest and continues to play a leading role in its success. Company leaders personally design, build, transport, assemble, and manage the competition, creating a professional environment where apprentices can test their skills. In recent years, the company also has expanded those efforts by leading the South Dakota SkillsUSA state plumbing competition.

Demonstrating a commitment to innovation, Midwestern Mechanical has embraced technology to improve productivity and quality. Its Virtual Design and Construction (VDC) team uses Trimble equipment to maximize precise location verification, helping eliminate a majority of rework, while the company's growing fabrication division helps save time and money on projects. The company also is exploring artificial intelligence to improve office processes, while employees use technology daily for tasks ranging from timekeeping and team meetings to several construction and business applications.

The company's dedication to the plumbing profession extends beyond its own workforce. Midwestern Mechanical leaders have served in PHCC leadership roles in South Dakota and Iowa, including PHCC Zone Director and service on the PHCC/ACCA Steering Committee and the Plumbing Technical Committee. Employees also serve on advisory boards for local technical colleges and regularly participate in PHCC educational programs and industry events.

"Midwestern Mechanical is an exceptional company whose leadership, professionalism, and dedication to the industry make them highly deserving of this recognition," says Kristie Brunick, PHCC of South Dakota executive vice president. "Their impact can be seen not only in the success of their business but in the strength of the workforce they help develop, the associations they help lead, and the industry they work tirelessly to advance."

-By Staff Writer, PHCC-National Association

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PHCC NAMES SD'S JOSEPH ADAM 2026 HVAC INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR



The Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC) has selected has selected Joseph Adam, instructor and superintendent at MWM Trades Academy in Lead, South Dakota, as its 2026 HVAC Instructor of the Year. Sponsored by PHCC Strategic Partner Milwaukee Tool, the award was presented recently during PHCC CONNECT 2026 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Adam brings a passion for the HVAC trade and a strong commitment to helping the next generation of professionals succeed. As both an instructor and superintendent, he understands that the quality of students' workmanship will directly affect the future of the industry.

Patient and dedicated, he recognizes that students come to the trade with different backgrounds and levels of experience and works to help each one develop the skills and confidence needed to become a successful professional.

Known for keeping his classes engaging and practical, Adam goes beyond explaining how something works to showing students how it applies in the field. He incorporates real-world examples and openly shares mistakes he has made or encountered on the job, walking students through the troubleshooting process used to identify and correct them.

One student noted that Adam "never runs short of energy" when teaching and consistently works to make the learning environment fun and engaging.

Adam also has played a key role in developing an HVAC teaching lab that gives students valuable hands-on experience. He has utilized the service department to acquire retired equipment and repurposed units that can be intentionally failed or require repairs. This gives students an opportunity to troubleshoot actual equipment in a controlled environment.

He also developed a demonstration wall featuring a complete wiring harness from a high-efficiency furnace, allowing students to trace voltage paths, understand system operation, and see how components work together.

To keep students involved in the learning process, Adam has found creative ways to make even quizzes interactive. He has transformed them into a game show format, using friendly competition and humor to encourage participation and maintain students' attention. His approach reflects his belief that technical training can be both challenging and enjoyable.

Adam is equally focused on preparing students to become leaders in the industry. He takes pride in helping new workers build their knowledge and confidence and hopes to see his students eventually step into leadership roles as instructors, superintendents, or other industry leaders.

He believes experienced professionals have a responsibility to invest their time and knowledge in those coming into the trade.

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HVAC Instrutor or the Year Continued

He also holds students to a high standard of quality workmanship and professionalism. His philosophy is summed up in a phrase he frequently uses: "quality over quantity."

Adam teaches students to take the time to understand a process and complete the work correctly the first time rather than rushing through a job and creating problems later.

By bringing real-world challenges into the classroom, he helps students develop not only technical skills but also the troubleshooting, critical-thinking, and attention-to-detail skills needed to succeed in the field.

-by Staff Writer, PHCC-National Association

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AWARD WINNERS FROM CONNECT

2026 PHCC—NATIONAL AWARDS

2026 Col. George D. Scott Award: Eddie Hollub, Modern Plumbing and Air Conditioning, Pasadena, Texas

2026 Plumbing Contractor of the Year (sponsored by Delta Faucet): Midwestern Mechanical, Inc., Sioux Falls, South Dakota

2026 HVAC Contractor of the Year (sponsored by Rheem): Worley's Home Services, Yorktown, Virginia

2026 Plumbing Instructor of the Year (sponsored by Milwaukee Tool): Ben Gorham, Knoxville PHCC Apprentice School, Knoxville, Tennessee

2026 HVAC Instructor of the Year (sponsored by Milwaukee Tool): Joseph Adam, MWM Trades Academy, Lead, South Dakota

2026 Plumbing Apprentice of the Year (sponsored by Delta Faucet): Daniel Boyles, Norfolk Technical Center, Norfolk, Virginia

2026 HVAC Apprentice of the Year (sponsored by Rheem): Nathaniel Magner, CroppMetcalfe Academy, Fairfax, Virginia

PHCC Safety First Award (sponsored by Federated Insurance): Chris Buddy, Paul L Buddy Plumbing & Heating, Aurora, Illinois



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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 2026 CHAIRMAN'S AWARD WINNERS

PHCC of South Dakota – For their key role in relaunching an updated HVAC Apprentice Contest.

Ron Shanaver, Milwaukee Tool – For his longstanding support of the Foundation through the Apprentice Contests, SkillsUSA Championships, WorldSkills competition, construction management classes and so much more over the years.

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The Auxiliary awarded 6 scholarships totaling $27,500. The Foundation awarded $200,000 to 80 plumbing and HVAC apprentices, trade school students, and college students pursuing studies directly related to the p-h-c industry.

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Susan Milhoan, PHCC of Virginia

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2026 PHCC Grassroots Excellence Award: PHCC of Louisiana

2026 PHCC Legislative Excellence Award: PHCC of Georgia

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 2026 NATIONAL PLUMBING APPRENTICE CONTEST WINNERS

First Place Plumbing Apprentice Contest Winner – Michael Goldey, Jr. from Levittown, Pennsylvania

Second Place Plumbing Apprentice Contest Winner – Trevor Nielson from Las Vegas, Nevada

Third Place Plumbing Apprentice Contest Winner – Joseph Cuttie from Romeoville, Illinois
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South Dakota was represented by the following 3 apprentices in the National Plumbing Apprentice Contest on October 19-21 at Connect in Milwaukee, WI:

Kyle Bailey, Howe, Inc
Chris Cool, Midwestern Mechanical
Miguel Perez, Midwestern Mechanical.







SDAPHCC ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION & PHCC NATIONAL HVAC APPRENTICE COMPETITION

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2027

All Day - SD HVAC Apprentice Hands-On Competition

Afternoon - Future Leaders Program

Evening - Welcome Reception & Dinner including SD HVAC Apprentice Hands-On Competition Award, and National HVAC Apprentice Competition Orientation

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2027

All Day - National HVAC Apprentice Competition

Morning - Future Leaders Program

Afternoon - Continuing Education for Plumbing & HVAC Contractors & SD Plumbing Apprentice Hands-On Competition

Evening - Reception & Dinner, SDAPHCC Board Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2027

Morning - Seminars, SD Plumbing Apprentice Hands-On Competition & National HVAC Apprentice Competition

Lunch - Featuring SDAPHCC Contractor Award Presentation & Officer Installation

Afternoon - Trainings and Hand-On Demonstrations, Trade Show Set-up & Spouse Event

Evening - Apprentice Contest Awards Presentation, Trade Show, & Dinner

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2027

Morning - Breakfast and Tear Down

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Be sure to ask for the SDAPHCC room block and rate of $99.00 per night

SDAPHCC SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

TAKE YOUR SDAPHCC SUPPORT TO A NEW LEVEL

Sponsorship Packages offer members a way to simplify their participation by bundling their activity. Package sponsors will not only receive convention & newsletter benefits, but will also receive recognition for their SDAPHCC support all year round.

For more information, or to sign up as a sponsor, please contact the SDAPHCC Office at 605-271-7255 or email kristie,phcc@midco.net

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Access to Membership List	Included	X	X

ONLINE PLUMBING CE OPTIONS

The SDAPHCC, in partnership with IAPMO, offers 2 online options for plumbing continuing education

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

If you are a returning IAPMO training customer, please use your existing account to register.

If this is your first-time taking training with IAPMO, you will need to create a new account. Once you are registered for a course, please log into your IAPMO user account at www.iapmolearn.org to access the online course.

If you need help with your username and/or password, please email seminars@iapmo.org.

If you have questions, you may contact IAPMO at seminars@iapmo.org or 908-995-3322.



WEBINAR

It's Our Business to Protect Yours®

REVIEWING YOUR RISK MANAGEMENT CULTURE

Thursday, November 19, 2026
1 p.m. CT

FEDERATED INSURANCE® Risk Management ACADEMY℠

In this webinar, you will learn about the value of creating and upholding a risk management culture at your business. A strong company culture sets the stage for your business' mission, and a focus on risk management highlights the importance of effective communication and establishing safety policies. Review what risk management looks like for your workplace, and find out how to make it a cornerstone of your company's culture.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Risk Managers
- Operations Managers
- HR Professionals
- Owners/Operators

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- The benefits of strong leadership and setting an example from the top down.
- Why a risk management culture can help shape initiatives, goals, and well-being.
- How culture can shape employee decisions and actions.
- What makes a risk management program effective and how to implement these practices at your workplace.

SAVE ME A SEAT

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE'S DESK



Hello again,
I hope everyone is having a great fall! At our house, we have been busy with all of the yearly pre-winter tasks - raking leaves, winterizing the camper, re-organizing the garage, and cleaning out dead plants. In addition, we cheered on our daughter as she competed in the state cross country meet in Rapid City and enjoyed a fall foliage trip to Duluth.

Connect 2026

Last month, I had the privilege to attend PHCC National's Connect in Milwaukee, WI. The event was filled with valuable meetings, fun networking events, and plenty of reasons to celebrate SD's contributions to the industry.

I began the week by participating in PHCC-National's Educational Foundation Board Meeting. It was exciting to see all of the developments happening with online courses and scholarships. During the meeting, Dan Hartman, of Wolff's Plumbing & Heating, was installed as a new board member.



This year, SDAPHCC held its Fall Board Meeting at Connect for the first time. It was great to have so many SD board members not only participate in the national conference but also come together for a productive board meeting.

In addition, I attended many Association Executive Council (AEC) sessions which always provide rich opportunities to exchange ideas and learn new concepts. Each year, during Connect, AEC holds its Annual Membership Meeting. This year, I had the honor to serve as Secretary during meeting. I'm also happy to report that I will continue to serve as Secretary for the next year.



The highlight of the conference, however, was celebrating the awards! SDAPHCC was recognized at the PHCC Educational Foundation Breakfast for its work with the National HVAC Competition. (see page 18) It was a rewarding and proud moment. PHCC-National also acknowledged South Dakota's efforts at the Awards Breakfast on Thursday.

Midwestern Mechanical also had much to celebrate, receiving the Plumbing Contractor of the Year and the HVAC Instructor of the Year awards. (see pages 13, 15, 16)

Overall it was an tremendous week and I'm already looking forward to next year's CONNECT in Fort Worth, TX!

Apprentice Contest Registration Open

If you have an outstanding third or fourth year apprentice, please consider registering him/her in the annual apprentice contest. The registration information and contest guidelines can be found on pages 8-9. The registration deadline is December 31, 2026 and the testing date is January 8, 2027.

EXECUTIVE'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Annual Sponsorship Packages Available
For all Sustaining Members, annual sponsorship packages are a great way to simplify your involvement and highlight your support of the association. Check out page 21 for details on how you can participate.

Medical Gas Class
Registration is open for our next Med Gas Class. The class will be held in Rapid City on January 12-15. The registration deadline is December 31, 2026. See pages 6 and 7 for registration and class information.

New PipeChatter Design
If you are familiar with the PipeChatter, you have likely noticed a change in its appearance. The software that I I have used for many years has been discontinued, forcing me to find a new software and design. So, I'm happy to reveal a new look for the publication and I hope to keep improving the design as I continue to learn the software.

SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The SDAPHCC is currently seeking Contractor Members to serve on its Board of Directors. The Board meets in-person three times a year and virtually as needed.

If you are interested in collaborating with other contractors to improve the association and the industry, please contact the SDAPHCC office by November 30.

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SD STATE PLUMBING COMMISSION UPDATES

The SD State Plumbing Commission recently approved new changes for license holders.

Apprentices applying to test for a plumber's license must provide proof of work experience earned while licensed as an apprentice. Unlicensed work will no longer be accepted.

In addition, plumbing licenses must be renewed by their expiration date.

From the SD State Plumbing Commission website:

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Per state law, plumbing licenses expire annually on Dec. 31. The one month grace period is no longer in effect, licenses must be renewed by the expiration date or additional fees will be owed in order to renew. To reinstate a plumbing license, a reinstatement form must be submitted with the appropriate fee. Plumbing contractors, plumbers, and 3rd-year apprentice plumbers licensed by exam must provide proof of completion of continuing education in 2026 before a renewal for 2027 license will be processed.