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Carpentry Programs Fill Quickly

September saw the kickoff of two free basic residential carpentry programs funded by the Alabama Home Builders Foundation. Shelby County College and Career Center and Limestone County Career Technical Center once again hosted the Foundation's carpentry program, with each class maxed out at 15 students apiece.

For eight weeks (four hours per week), these students attend the program with the ultimate goal of receiving a certificate of completion from the Home Builders Association of Alabama at their graduation. Throughout the eight week session, the students learn both the theory and the hands-on aspects of basic residential carpentry. A typical class will start with one hour of classroom instruction followed by one hour of hands-on work practicing what

they've just learned.

Together the classes build a structure that will, at the end of the course, be sold to help pay for the next program's materials.

Students who successfully complete the course are trained in both safety and skills and are job ready. Anyone looking to employ a program graduate should contact Artemis Moore at: artemis-moore@hbbaa.org or 1-800-745-4222.

HBAA members are encouraged to enroll any employee they feel will benefit from learning the basics of residential building. The next classes



will take place in the spring of 2017 with locations to be determined. Contact Artemis Moore if your association is interested in having a class in your area or for details on upcoming classes.

Make a Year-End Gift to the Foundation

As you look at your end of year contributions, please consider giving the gift of education to support the Alabama Home Builders Foundation mission of promoting and protecting Alabama's housing future.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization and qualifies for tax exemption and charitable contributions including testamentary bequests under Section 501 (c) 3 of the IRS Code. Your contribution is tax deductible and all of the funds go towards building a stronger future in Alabama housing.

You can give online at www.AHBFoundation.org or call 1-800-745-4222 to learn how to make your gift to the Foundation.

Plumbers Program Sees Successful First Year in Madison County, Expands to Shelby County

The Foundation congratulates the Madison County Career Technical Center for a successful first year running the Plumbers Education program. The Plumbers Education program received massive support from a myriad of local entities including the Huntsville/Madison County Builders Association, Wrendon Davis of Davis Plumbing, the State of Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board, the Madison County Board of Education and a slew of local companies. The success of the program is testament to the power of people working together for the greater good. The 2016 program now offers plumbing education to 24 students.

The program is now being offered at the Shelby County College and Career Center in Columbiana. The plumbing class, taught by master plumber and gas fitter Rex Horton, is being offered to 10th graders with a two or three year training track. By graduation, these students will have earned a journeyman's license, making them immediately ready for the workplace or to continue their education

through a college program.

The program was made possible due to the support from the entities listed above as well as from businesses in the Shelby County community. V&W Plumbing Wholesale has agreed to handle all material and tools for the classroom, GLS Supply has donated three crates of pvc fittings, and Southern Pipe and Supply has offered to help with any need in the future.

Wrendon Davis, who has championed the program from the start, said, "None of this could have been remotely possible without the leadership of the Shelby County Schools and private industry coming together as team players in the planning process; they all saw the need for young and motivated students to learn a career."

If all goes continues to go well with the Huntsville/Madison and Shelby County programs, the program is expected to debut in Mobile and Montgomery Counties in 2017.

Endowments: Invest in the Future While Honoring the Past

Earlier this summer at the Greater Gadsden Home Builders Association membership meeting, 2016 Foundation President Todd Slyman presented Matthew Holland with a scholarship certificate from the Bentley Owens Designated Scholarship Fund. Matthew's mother and grandfather were there to cheer him on with his mother declaring that "this scholarship was the answer to our prayers."

Recently, Matthew, who studies electrical at Gadsden State Community College, had lost some funding that was critical to his continuing his education. His future as an electrician was seriously in jeopardy until Matthew received a call from the Foundation letting him know that his hard work had paid off and he was selected to receive a full year's tuition at Gadsden State thanks to the generosity and vision of the late Bentley Owens, one of the founding members of the HBAA and a champion for education.

Matthew Holland is but one example of the many students whose lives are changed by the generosity of our members who establish endowments or "designated scholarships." The designated scholarship recipients are carefully selected by the Foundation's scholarship committee to reflect the wishes of the donor. For those who knew Bentley Owens, they would tell you that nothing would have made him happier to know that he was able to make a real and direct difference in someone's life.

Establishing an endowment to honor someone is a simple matter. A designated scholarship fund can be set up with as little as \$15,000, either all at once or over a few years. Once the fund reaches a \$15,000 threshold a scholarship of \$500 annually will be distributed in your loved one's name. As always, the contribution to the Foundation is tax deductible.



Foundation President Todd Slyman congratulates scholarship recipient Matthew Holland.

The Foundation currently presents the following designated scholarships: Bentley Owens, Aubrey E. Buchalter and Barbara H. Buchalter, Malone/McQueen, Hall of Fame and Past Presidents

Please contact Artemis Moore (artemismoore@hbaa.org or 1-800-745-4222) for more information on how you can make a difference in someone's future.

Save the date!

23rd Annual
Alabama Home Builders
Foundation Golf Classic

Thursday, May 11, 2017

RTJ Cambrian Ridge
Greenville, AL

Registration details to come!

To learn about sponsorship
opportunities, contact Alison Till
(alisonstill@hbaa.org or
1-800-745-4222).

Foundation, Members Support 2nd Annual Design & Build Competition

The Resource Center, located in Tuscaloosa, is holding its second annual Design & Build Competition November 3-5 at the Local 372 Apprentice Training Facility. The Foundation is proud to sponsor this competition which currently features ten high school teams from across the state who are challenged to design and build a structure in 2 ½ days of fierce competition.

Teams participating this year will be representing Huffman High School, Cullman Area Technical Center, Blount County Career Technical Center, Montgomery Preparatory Academy for Career Technologies, Calera High School, Etowah County Career Technical Center, Walker County Center of Technology, Tuscaloosa Career and

Technology Academy. Each team of four students must draft, build and wire a structure which will then be judged by contest officials.

The primary focus of the contest is team work with a strong emphasis on residential building skills. To date, HBAA members who have contributed both in funding and/or materials support include Alabama Power Company, The Builders Group of West Alabama and McAbee Construction, as well as the Cullman County and Chilton County Home Builders Associations.

If you would like to help support Design and Build, please contact Bob Kimbrell at The Resource Center: bkimb@comcast.net or 205-345-2725.

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