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Certification Classes Resume, Rand Retires

GREENSBORO - After a sixteen-month absence due to the pandemic, NCMCA Masonry Contractor Certification Program classes resumed in August with the Module Five “Mastering the Details of Masonry Construction” class. Some sixty individuals participated in the session, including twenty-three individual certification candidates attending the classes for the first time.

To allow space for social distancing, the session took place at the Greensboro Airport Marriott.

At the invitation of NCMCA, also attending were Terry Ashley, Steve Clark, Nick Lash, and Steve Nally of Moseley Architects, a firm that regularly includes a requirement for NCMCA Masonry Contractor Certification in project specification documents. The invitation was extended as a means for the architects to even better understand the content of the classes and the value of NCMCA certification as a tool for

prequalifying masonry contractors. Mr. Nally briefly addressed the class, explaining why his firm thinks masonry certification is important.

The August class was instructed by Professor J. Patrick Rand, FAIA, his ninth time presenting the Module Five class. Professor Rand has participated in the NCMCA program since its inception in 2006.

In June, Professor Rand retired after forty-four years as Alumni Distinguished Professor of Architecture, the School of Architecture, College of Design, North Carolina State University. Rand has received over twenty honors for the quality of his teaching, including one of the first NCSU recipients of a Fulbright Distinguished Chair Award. In addition to his teaching and architecture practice, he has carried out funded research on the design and assessment of innovative masonry enclosure systems, often work-

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Lunch at NC State Masonry association officials joined Professor J. Patrick Rand and NC State College of Design faculty and staff in July for a lunch to discuss masonry-supported scholarships as Professor Rand steps away from his teaching role. After forty-four years, Professor Rand retired from NC State at the end of June. Left to right, Past NCMCA President Doug Burton; NCMCA Executive Vice President Lynn Nash and President Danks Burton; Professor Rand; Frank Werner, retired from Adams/Oldcastle; David McQueen, Adams/Oldcastle; and Southeast Concrete Masonry Association President James Cain.
Photo by Lauren Hipp

Message From the President

Greetings to NCMCA members!

Fall is right around the corner and even though it doesn't officially start until September 22, to me it begins with Labor Day. Weekends are filled up with football games, weddings, golf tournaments and reunions. With so much on the calendar and almost every weekend scheduled one might think we're back to normal. I'm not so sure of that, but it sure doesn't hurt to be optimistic.

NCMCA is making final plans for many fall events - Board Meeting, Golf Tournament, State Fair Apprentice Contest, Masonry Education Day, Certification classes. There are also events on the local level too, check with your chapter officers. I hope you will put it on your calendar to join us for these events. You won't be disappointed.

Your association is made up of many contractors, from one-man operations to several hundred people corporations. Certification classes, workforce development, promotion of masonry - it benefits us all regardless of size.

There are many opportunities to get involved, to give back to an industry that has provided your livelihood, and also a place to network with fellow contractors and associates. I encourage you to come out to these events to see in person your membership dollars hard at work for you.

Thanks to all that donate their time and resources to make these events successful and fun.

I'll be looking for you!

Danks Burton CME
President 2020-2022

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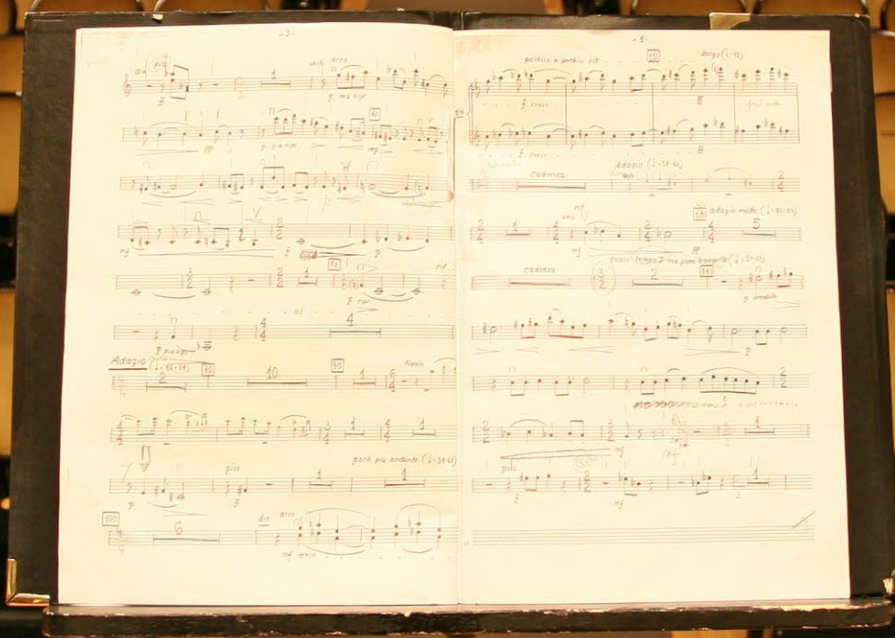
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The Next Generation! West Rowan High School Masonry Instructor (and new NCMCA masonry contractor member) Rodney Harrington (*center*) with students Carter Barclay (*left*) and O'Conner Leonard (*right*) demonstrated NCMCA's new training rack and offered hands-on bricklaying opportunities at the Metrolina Chapter's July meeting hosted by Tucker-Kirby Company and iQ Power Tools in Charlotte.

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From the WDTC:

New Programs Mean New Opportunities

By Ryan Shaver

North Carolina has always had strong masonry training programs and we have been blessed to have students come to our trade through these programs statewide.

As we do everything we can to support all the existing programs we have, I have been working behind the scenes to start new programs in areas that have never had masonry training. We have gained several new programs over the summer and they are up and running now that school is starting.



Ryan Shaver

West Carteret High School's has a new masonry program. The instructor, Mike Litaker, was the school's carpentry instructor. Mike has a masonry background from many years ago. Allison Dees, the school CTE Director, reached out to me about the possibilities of transitioning the carpentry program to a masonry program. I met with them and we formed a game plan for transitioning this program. Mr. Litaker met me on a jobsite in Jacksonville where we had the opportunity to lay block and brick together for a day with J.B. Overman Masonry. There were two young men on this jobsite that had taken masonry at their high school and Mr. Litaker had the pleasure of working beside these two young men. By the end of the day, Mr. Litaker was very efficient with his trowel and extremely excited to take that back to his new masonry students! Dual certifying instructors statewide would be a great way to get masonry in schools, especially given the challenges we have finding instructors.

Lexington High School came to me with the same goal of starting a program and the CTE Director, Nicole Piggott asked me to meet with them last spring. She had everyone at the table during that meeting and when I left, she had the approval to start a masonry program at the school. Mr. Charles Deaton is the new masonry instructor at Lexington High School and has 90 students signed up for the class! Mr. Deaton comes to us from McGee Brothers where he was a foreman in the Greensboro market for many years. Mr. Deaton expressed that he is ready to give back to the trade because it has been so rewarding to him through the years.

These are just a few stories of the positive things that the NCMCA has been working on by promoting

the trade and showing all parties involved what support is there for them when it comes to masonry training statewide! We currently have openings for masonry instructors and the opportunity for new programs arise daily! Please, I say PLEASE, let me know if you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a masonry instructor. I learned way more the second time I was at Mt. Pleasant High School when I was a masonry instructor than I did the first time I was at Mt. Pleasant High School as a student because my wife was not with me the second time doing my homework!

As this new school year is up and running, I encourage you to become a partner with that school to promote masonry and all the things that our trade has to offer. If you say that "Kids today don't want to work," come with me and I'll show you how you may be wrong! I had great mentors that got me up and

running, so be the mentor today that gets a student up and running! My challenge to you is: *Don't tell me, Show Me!* Feel free to call me anytime with any questions on how you can get involved in your local area! The students need you!

Ryan Shaver is NCMCA Workforce Development & Training Coordinator. Reach him at ryan.shaver@ncmca.com or (704) 791-5240

Convention in March

The 2022 NCMCA Annual Convention and Business Meeting is March 24 to March 27 at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Greenville, South Carolina.

Friday morning's First General Session will feature National Technical Honor Society Executive Director and "TED Talk" presenter Peyton Holland and Christine "Tina" Subasic of Raleigh, President of The Masonry Society in Colorado.

Officers for the 2022-2024 term will be elected at the Saturday Annual Business Meeting

Watch for additional details and registration information the first of the year.



Viva Las Vegas! Left to right, Retired masonry instructor Ronnie Miller, Grant's instructor at West Rowan masonry instructor Rodney Harrington, and the Helms Family, Father Scott, Grant, sister Holly, and Mom Jodi were at the World of Concrete in June. Grant competed in two Las Vegas competitions and won them both! He won the SPEC MIX Junior Brick Layer 500 and placed in first place for the third year division of the Mason Contractors Association of America (MCAA) International Masonry Apprentice Skills Contest. Grant qualified for the MCAA contest by winning the 2021 NCMCA Samuel A. McGee Memorial Masonry Apprentice Skills Contest at Midland. Grant was already a masonry champion having won the NC State Fair Masonry Apprentice Contest in 2018 and the National SkillsUSA High School Masonry Competition in 2019. Grant works for the family business, Helms Masonry in Concord and recently, and at age nineteen, recently earned his North Carolina General Contractors licence. Sister Holly, a rising high school senior, recent soloed an airplane as she works to obtain her private pilot's licence. Photo by Makayla Gergeni



TMC Convention Texas Masonry Council President Mackie Bounds (left) welcomed Ashton White and NCMCA Workforce Development & Training Coordinator Ryan Shaver to TMC's Annual Convention in Austin where both White and Shaver made presentations about North Carolina masonry workforce development programs. *Photo by TMC*

NCMCA Visits Texas

By Ryan Shaver

In early August, the Texas Masonry Council (TMC) held its annual convention in Austin. I was invited to attend and make presentations at the convention. I was honored to do so.

Ashton White, a two-time North Carolina National SkillsUSA Masonry Champion was also invited to attend so TMC members could see the results of how masonry training in the high schools can impact students and influence them to choose masonry as a career path.

After TMC leadership visited North Carolina to learn about NCMCA's workforce and training programs almost two years ago, the TMC has put a strong focus on workforce development. TMC President Mackie Bounds said that his trip to North Carolina got him "fired up like never before" and he went back home from the North Carolina visit with a goal and plan to make workforce their number-one priority. With this new initiative, the TMC has gained twelve new members this year and have truly dialed-in on growing the masonry workforce in Texas.

The TMC now has four full-time staff members including a full time Workforce Development and Training Coordinator.

During the convention, they had a fund raiser auction for their workforce initiatives and a ton of manufacturers and suppliers donated towards this auction. They had everything from loads of block, mortar, grout, brick and even weekend fishing and hunting trips for groups of eight donated. At the end of this hour-long auction, the TMC had raised \$275,000.00! This was a new record for them and

all proceeds will go towards workforce development.

Tom Clark, who has emceed the Bricklayer 500 in Las Vegas for eighteen years, hosted the TMC Friday night awards dinner where they presented TMC *Golden Trowel Awards* for completed masonry structures in multiple categories such as multi-



Hog Trainer! Left to right, Jody Little of McGee Bothers Company, two-time National Post-Secondary SkillsUSA Champion Ashton White, and NCMCA Workforce Development & Training Coordinator Ryan Shaver starred in a demonstration video for EGM Manufacturing's new "Hog Trainer" training rack. Ryan helped design the unit, now part of the EGM Manufacturing catalog of products. The first "Hog Trainer" is now part of equipment included on NCMCA's mobile training unit trailer. McGee Brothers hosted the video session at their Midland maintenance shop on a really hot day in August. The video can be found on YouTube.

family residential, government and institutional, industrial and commercial, hardscape and landscape, K-12 education, college and university, block, "Everyday Excellence," and restoration.

During my visit, it was mentioned a few times that "Texas is coming for North Carolina" but we are ready! North Carolina's reinvigorated emphasis on workforce development has been noticed across the country. It is a strong testament to the dedication NCMCA has for promoting our trade that many states are now following suit!

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Welcome New Members

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Will Randell (A1)
www.fryetrucking.com.com
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Mante Masonry, Inc

Joseph Estep (R4)
www.mantemasonry.com
Raleigh, NC
Recruited by Kevin Scheele

Rodney Harrington Masonry

Rodney Harrington (R1)
China Grove, NC
Recruited by Ryan Shaver



Meeting Again! The Raleigh Chapter enjoyed great attendance at their June social event at Bowstring Brewery in Raleigh. Among the attendees (left to right) Steve Frazier, Doug Burton, Jr., and Ray Walls. Photo courtesy of Triangle Brick Company

Eastern Carolina Chapter Instructor Night

Eastern Carolina Chapter President Kendra Blackmon writes, "Greetings everyone! I know you might be rubbing your eyes to make sure you are seeing this right, but indeed – this is real!"

NCMCA Eastern Carolina Chapter would like to invite you to Rustic Barn in Jacksonville, NC on September 21st from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. This will be a true showcase of what the masonry industry has to offer when supporting our local eastern NC masonry instructors.

Our very own, Ryan Shaver, the NCMCA Workforce Development & Training Coordinator, has planned an evening that will include many new tools that instructors can implement in their curriculum and an opportunity for the local instructors to partner with key industry professionals to initiate the hiring of young Pre-Apprentices and Apprentices in the Masonry Career Pathways program!

Don't miss this great opportunity to connect and grow our industry and show the support needed to keep our masonry training programs strong!

Supplier showcases, door prizes, food, drinks, etc.! Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided.

Please feel welcome to bring any of your company's apprentices along for the evening! We look forward to being reunited with our masonry friends and family!

Please RSVP by September 10th so we can ensure an adequate amount of food & beverage."

Kendra Blackmon: kblackmon@rushconstruction.org

New Directory

The 2021-2022 NCMCA Membership Directory has been distributed. Advertising makes it possible. Be sure to say "Thanks!"

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Congratulations and thanks to Gates Construction Company for providing a great picture of their recent Saint Joseph's Seminary project at Belmont for the cover. Photos to be considered for the cover of the 2022-2023 directory should be submitted by April 1, 2022.

NCMCA Board of Directors "Virtual" Meeting 1:00 pm Wednesday September 1, 2021
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Abby on Tour!

Photo left, Tucker-Kirby Company in Charlotte along with iQ Power Tools hosted the NCMCA Metrolina Chapter in early July for a training workshop and barbecue chicken dinner. Pictured left to right, Metrolina Chapter President Brandon Hartsell; Abigail Newton, Industrial Hygiene Consultant, NC Department of Labor; and James Cameron, Regional Sales Manager for iQ Power Tools. Ms. Newton made a presentation on the latest research concerning crystalline silica exposure in masonry, which indicates masonry job sites are generally performing well at staying under permissible exposure limits. Some of the newest technology for dust control in sawing was demonstrated by the iQ Power Tool Team. Pictured below, Abigail continued her tour of NCMCA by repeating her presentation at the Land of the Sky Chapter August meeting in Arden.



Fall Masonry Events Planned

By Ryan Shaver

“Fall is coming fast and so are the masonry contest and events! With the summer heat still on us, all I can think about are the fall masonry events that are currently still on!

The **North Carolina State Fair Masonry Apprenticeship Contest** will be October 18th at the State Fair Grounds in Raleigh. Chairman Calvin Brodie and the committee have already met and plans are made to make this contest happen!

Wade Taylor and Huntley Brothers Company hold the Fair Companionship title from 2019. We were unable to have the contest last year due to COVID but all indicators are that we will be on go this year!

This is such a wonderful contest that has been happening for sixty-five-plus years and is the longest standing masonry apprentice contest in the country!

We will need help with set up on Sunday afternoon, October 17th at 4:00 pm and then with the

contest October 18th at 8:00 am.

Sponsors are greatly needed and this contest could not happen without the support of our industry.

My masonry instructor in high school, Doug Drye, encouraged me to enter this contest in 1992 after I worked the summer before on a masonry jobsite with Almond Masonry. I was seventeen and extremely nervous when I arrived and saw the grown men with beards that I would be competing against. Mr. Drye said get in your contestant box and then it's you competing against the clock.

Luckily I won the contest in 1992 and did not have to compete against Kelly Brooks in 1993, who would have towered over me like he does today (6' 7")!

This contest is so important for our apprentices and the registration is on the ApprenticeshipNC website. Each company needs to register their apprentices by September first!

Masonry Education Day is a “go” this year

as well! Ben Ketchie Park, Stalite's private park in Gold Hill, will once again host the 5th Annual Masonry Education Day, which in 2019 had over 500 masonry students in attendance from twenty-eight high schools.

With school starting back and new restrictions from county to county, we could have a lower number of students participating but will still have a great day of tutorials, the SPEC MIX Jr. Bricklayer, and the SPEC MIX Bricklayer 500 regional qualifier.

Contact SPEC MIX's Steve Bell for information about participating in the regional SPEC MIX Bricklayer 500 Qualifier: (704) 294-5231 sbell@quikrete.com Regional winners earn the opportunity to compete in the SPEC MIX Bricklayer 500 at the World of Concrete in Las Vegas January 19, 2022 and a chance to win the title, “World's Best Bricklayer.” The contest's total payday is valued at over \$125,000, with the new champion winning a new FORD F-250 4x4 Super Duty truck coupled with \$15,000 in cash and prizes.

Please mark the dates for the State Fair Contest and Masonry Education Day on your calendar and be ready to help and enjoy promoting our next generation of masons. I will be calling so please answer!

I'm looking forward to two great masonry events that showcase our young apprentices and students!

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**The Fair Contest is Back!
The 67th Annual North Carolina
State Fair Masonry
Apprentice Skills Contest
Monday October 18, 2021 Raleigh
Volunteers and Contributions
are solicited!**

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ing with the assistance of NCMCA members. Professor Rand recently co-authored two books, *Materials for Design* and *Architectural Detailing: Function, Constructability, Aesthetics*. Rand is Past President of The Masonry Society, founding chairman of the TMS Sustainability Committee, and active in the American Institute of Architects.

Professor Rand, along with NCMCA Past President Doug Burton, who often refers to Rand as “The Professor of Masonry,” is responsible for developing the very successful NCMCA Sigmon Memorial Scholarship Annual Masonry Design Competition at the NCSU College of Design, first awarded in 2001.

George Arnold of Specified Materials in Greensboro also instructed, presenting a segment on flashing, weeps, and water penetration.

As of August 2021, some 675 individuals and 102 companies have participated in the classes since the program began in 2006. 330 have earned their personal certification, although a large number of those individuals have failed to report continuing education required to maintain active certification status. Thirty-two firms have earned “Certified Masonry Contractor” status including a number of firms that have not maintained requirements for active certification.

Because of the extraordinary circumstances of the pandemic, the Certification Board of Governors last summer began approving “online” and virtual education and training, in addition to “in-person” education, for reporting required continuing education. For more information, visit the “Certification” page on ncmca.com.

Classes are set to continue with the next session planned for Tuesday September 28th at the Greensboro Airport Marriott. PE Dale Yarbrough will instruct Module Seven “Overview of Masonry Codes & Standards, Masonry Special Inspection.” Module Seven is required for Certified Masonry Professional (CMP) candidates and is elective for Certified Masonry Executive (CME) candidates.

Required COVID precautions will be determined closer to the event date. The City of Greensboro presently has a mask mandate requirement for indoor gatherings.

Additional class are being planned and the schedules will be posted on the calendar page of ncmca.com as details are confirmed.

Member News

Leland Eckard and Master Masonry Company recently donated twenty-four “custom made” mortar pan stands to NCMCA’s workforce development program to be used for competitions and training. Leland says the stands were made in Master Masonry’s shop from bar joist bridging angle material left over from jobsites. Recycle and repurpose!

Dave Mauney, who retired as Executive Vice President of Pyramid Masonry’s Charlotte Division

in 2019, passed away Monday June 7th after a year-long battle with brain cancer. Dave served on the NCMCA Masonry Contractors Certification Program Board of Governors and held “Certified Masonry Executive” (CME) status. Tim McManus, Pyramid Masonry Carolina Division Vice President, says, “It is one of the highlights of my life working with and learning from Dave. He was a great friend and we will miss him dearly.” The family suggests memorials be made to Providence United Methodist Church, 2810 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28211 or to The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke, DUMC Box 3624, Durham, NC 27710 or online. David George Mauney was sixty-six and lived in Charlotte.



David Mauney

Land of the Sky Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Jake Brogdon married Victoria Cambron in June. Chuck Vogel of Johnson Concrete Products lost his stepson unexpectedly on June 14th. Gideon Caleb Helton was thirty-years-old and lived in Winston-Salem.

William “Smitty” Smith, a past member of the Raleigh Chapter, lost his wife of fifty years in June. Josie Marie Foushee Smith was eighty-three and lived in Chapel Hill.

Congratulations to Steven Fechino, Mortar Net Solutions, for being awarded the National Masonry Instructor Associations “Ambassador” award for 2021 in July at the instructors’ annual meeting in Myrtle Beach.

Eric Hicks has retired as masonry instructor at Newton-Conover High School.

James Cain, President of the Southeast Concrete Masonry Association (SCMA) lost his father August 18th at Duke Hospital after a months’ long battle with COVID-19, even though he had been fully immunized and had been following recommended precautions. Edward Ray Cain was seventy-two and lived in Bladenboro.

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New South Construction Supply has brought on Abhi Singh as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. A veteran in the building materials industry, Abhi comes to New South from Mid-Am Building Supply, where he was Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Prior to Mid-Am, he served as Managing Director of Harvey Commercial Solutions in New England, Senior VP of A.H. Harris & Sons Construction Supplies (East Coast), General Manager of J&H Aitcheson – a division of Hajoca Corporation (Metropolitan Washington, DC), and had his own construction supply business in Baltimore, MD - Atlantic Supply Corporation. Earlier in his career, he held a series of senior regional leadership roles for White Cap Construction Supply, Hughes Supply and Ferguson Enterprises, respectively. A graduate of Kent State University, Abhi is based at New South’s Greenville, SC headquarters.

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Creative Training In July, NCMCA Workforce Development & Training Coordinator Ryan Shaver (to the left of “Batman”) visited the regular Thursday evening apprentice training session of member firm “Creative Masonry” in Greenville, Tennessee, assisting company owner Fred Campbell (to the right of “Batman”) with instruction utilizing NCMCA’s new EZG training rack. *Photo by Krista Campbell.*

Home Builders Recognize Dean Bagnoni

By Nancy Harris

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Career Technical Education High School teachers gather once a year. We strive to give a shout-out to teachers who go above and beyond to share their passion with students, the community, and their peers.

In August, the North Carolina Home Builders Association recognized Dean Bagnoni, Masonry Teacher at John F. Kennedy High School, as their Construction Teacher of the Year. Representatives from NCHBA and the Home Builders Association of Winston-Salem, were on hand to present his award.

This recognition is representative of the relationships that the WS/FCS Career Technical Education teachers and administrators strive to build in our community in all program areas. These work-based learning activities, competitions, and partnerships with local industry partners build strong students and productive citizens.

Dean's Masonry program is in its eighth year.

Aaron Lange, the President of the Home Builders Association of Winston-Salem presented the award to Mr. Bagnoni (*pictured below*) and said, "I am thankful to be here today to recognize the North Carolina Home Builders Association's 2021 Construction Trades Teacher of the Year.

"This award is selected by a group of HBA members from across the state to recognize outstanding professionalism, high expectations, and leadership for one teacher in our industry. It is given each year to an individual in recognition of the significant impact this person has made on the lives of young people in their school community, professional community, and the broader community in which they live.

"The education professional chosen for this award is a passionate, hardworking individual who goes above and beyond for his students. He takes care to make sure his students are well prepared for the

workforce, understands the usefulness and necessity of their skills, and can communicate well with others.

"He strives to make his courses engaging, interesting, and interactive. He models teamwork and problem solving in his classroom by working right beside his students. He shows them each level of employment from laborer to supervisor and reviews all practical knowledge from geography, to weather and economic conditions.

"He not only meets the requirements of these courses but goes the extra mile to ensure his students success. He stays in touch with his graduates, encourages current students to read by playing audiobooks during his labs, and works with his business partners to find summer internships and full-time employment for these students. He will even deliver bricks, practice mortar, and a trainer frame to any student who wants to practice at home.

"He tells his students often that 'You will always have a skill; no one can take what you learn here away from you.'

"We are proud to announce this year, chosen from a group of nominees across the state, the winner of this honor is Mr. Dean Bagnoni."

Dean will receive a \$500 prize, a plaque, and recognition at NCHBA's Board Meeting in Pinehurst later this year.

Nancy Harris is Career Development Coordinator for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

NCMCA's Workforce Development & Training Coordinator Ryan Shaver calls Mr. Bagnoni "a masonry instructor rock star!" for his teaching skills, his ability to be a mentor for the students, and for his ability to encourage and bring young people into the masonry industry. As owner of Winston Masonry Company, Dean Bagnoni is a "Certified Masonry Executive" (CME) in the NCMCA Masonry Contractor Certification Program.

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Dates to Note

- 9/1/21 NCMCA Board of Directors Meeting, via Zoom session. 1:00 PM
- 9/12-9/16/21 MCAA Mid-Year Meeting, Peabody Hotel – Memphis
- 9/21/21 Eastern Carolina Chapter Masonry Instructor Night, Rustic Barn - Jacksonville
- 9/23/21 NCMCA Annual Golf Tournament, Mill Creek Golf & Country Club – Mebane
- 9/28/21 Mod 7 Certification Class "Overview of Codes & Standards, Special Inspection" Marriott – Greensboro
- 10/18/21 State Fair Masonry Apprentice Contest, State Fairgrounds – Raleigh
- 10/29/21 Masonry Education Day/Carolina SPEC MIX BL500 Qualifier, Ben Ketchie Park – Gold Hill
- 11/2/21 Metrolina Chapter Golf Tournament, Mooresville Golf Club – Mooresville
- 1/14-1/16/22 Annual Raleigh Chapter Murdell Golf Tournament & Bus Tour – Grand Strand
- 1/17-1/20/22 World of Concrete/Masonry, Convention Center – Las Vegas
- 3/24-3/27/22 NCMCA Convention, Hyatt Regency Downtown – Greenville, SC
- 4/27-4/29/22 NC SkillsUSA Annual Conference (masonry contest) Greensboro Coliseum - Greensboro
- 5/21/22 Annual Samuel A. McGee Masonry Apprentice Skills Contest, Adams/Oldcastle - Colfax
- 6/19-6/22/22 Southeast Concrete Masonry Association Annual Conference – St. Simons Island, GA
- 4/27-4/30/23 NCMCA Convention, Kingston Plantation – Myrtle Beach

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