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Steamfitters Local 601 Hosts The United Association's District 4 Apprentice Contest on June 8th and 9th

Madison, WI June 1, 2022 – Steamfitters Local 601, comprised of 2,700 members and representing fourteen counties in southeastern Wisconsin, is hosting local trade apprentices in the United Association's District 4 Apprentice Contest which takes place at Steamfitters Local 601 Training Center on June 8th and 9th at 6310 Town Center Drive in Madison. This competition is free and open to the public.

Top Wisconsin apprentices who won their State's Apprenticeship contest will showcase their skills in the Steamfitting, HVAC/R, Welding, Plumbing, and Sprinkler Fitting categories in a competition with apprentices from 10 other neighboring states. Apprentices will be evaluated in soldering and brazing, pipe math and layout, welding, rigging, systems operation, installation, troubleshooting, and more.

"We are excited to see these talented apprentices come to our world-class training center in Madison to showcase their skill, knowledge and creativity," said Chris Valerine, Training Director at Steamfitters Local 601. "This is an excellent opportunity for members and general attendees to learn from and see the best apprentices in the region."

District winners will go on to compete in Ann Arbor, Michigan, at the International Competition in August.

Steamfitters Local 601 is sending two apprentices, Jonathon Strack and Arturo Rey Contreras, to compete.

- Contreras is a 4th year construction Steamfitter apprentice, currently working at Summit Refrigeration group and holds the title of Construction Foreman. He currently lives in the Milwaukee area with his girlfriend and 3-year-old.
- Strack is a 5th year construction Steamfitter apprentice, currently working at 1901 Inc. He currently lives in the Madison area with his wife and kids.

Open House and Contest viewing:

Thursday, June 9th, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

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About Steamfitters 601

Steamfitters Local 601, part of the United Association, represents HVAC and refrigeration techs, the pipeline welders, and pipefitters - installing comfort heating and cooling systems, grocery store refrigeration, gas line pumps, food & beverage piping, pharmaceutical and chemical systems, compressed air and gases, hydraulic, and fuel oil systems. Our membership is comprised of 2,700 tradespeople employed in fourteen-counties in southeastern Wisconsin, work in homes, hospitals, schools, offices and manufacturing plants. You can learn more information by visiting www.steam601.org.

About United Association

The United Association is a union of HVAC-R techs, Steamfitters, Sprinklerfitters, Plumbers, and Pipeliners — who fabricate, install, and service comfort heating and cooling systems, grocery store refrigeration, safe sprinkler systems, healthy drinking and wastewater systems, power generating and industrial piping, pharmaceutical and chemical systems, compressed air and gases, hydraulic, and pipelines. Members perform this work locally throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, and Ireland. Our membership works in homes, hospitals, schools, offices, and manufacturing plants. Locally you'll find us working in locations from Miller Brewery to Harley Davidson facilities, all throughout the University of Wisconsin System to the State Capital.