September 1, 2017

To: Principals, Vice Principals, Counselors, Teachers and Students

Re: National Apprenticeship Week Building and Construction Trades Career Day

Date / Time: Monday, November 13, 2017, 9am – 2pm

Place: Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 5 Training Center
       5000 Forbes Blvd
       Lanham, MD 20706

As we prepare to celebrate "National Apprenticeship Week," (November 13 – 17, 2017) it is worth noting that for over 100 years North America's Building Trades Unions and its signatory contractors have funded and operated a skilled craft apprenticeship system that is the envy of the world. Our apprenticeship programs are a tried and true job-training strategy that offers a reliable path to the middle class without saddling participants with debt.

It is an “earn while you learn” system that offers young people the chance to learn from the best trained construction workers in North America. When individuals complete our programs, they obtain a portable, nationally recognized credential that they can take anywhere in the country, one that comes with good pay and benefits that will support them and their families.

An additional important feature is that most apprenticeship programs in the building and construction trades have been assessed for college credit, which participants can apply toward an associate’s or bachelor’s degree. Without a doubt, a skilled craft union apprenticeship is the "other four-year degree."

Apprenticeship and Training is offered in over 50 occupations, including bricklaying, carpentry, cement masonry, electrical, glazing, insulating, iron working, laborers, operating engineering, painting, plumbing, sheet metal work, sprinkler fitting, steam fitting, stone and marble work, terrazzo and tile setting.

We cordially invite you and your students to investigate a career in the trades by attending our career fair on November 13, 2017 at Building Trade Apprenticeship School. All of the Building Trades Apprenticeship Programs will be represented so the students can learn about every trade and make an educated decision about a career in the construction industry and choose a trade in which they will excel.

Sincerely,
Apprenticeship and Training Directors Association