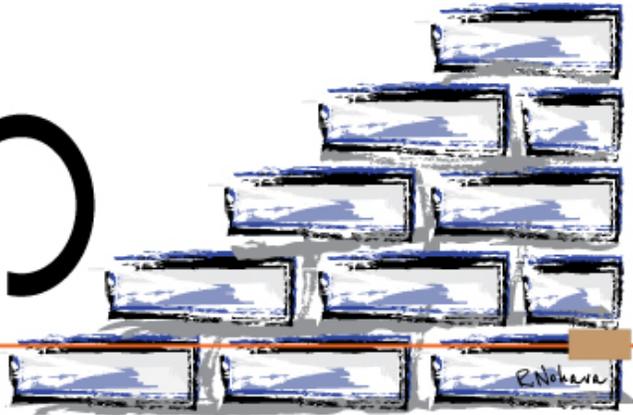


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## *The International Apprentices Contest*

The International Apprentices Contest took place on September 23-24 in Boston, Mass. Seventy-five of the top apprentices in the International Union competed to earn the title of International Craft Champion in the following crafts: brick, pointing-cleaning-caulking, stone, tile, marble, terrazzo, cement, and plaster.

[Read More](#)



### ***Fall Classes Have Begun!***

Apprenticeship classes are back in full swing despite remediation at the Training Center. We had 30 new apprentices, and a total of 75 apprentices in attendance last week. Orientation night is always long and crammed full of required paperwork and policy review, but it's also an exciting time to meet our new classmates and catch-up with old friends. Both first year brick and tile finisher classes have been split into two groups due to their size, these students should have received text messages with their respective assignments.



### ***Hands-on at the Hmong College Prep Academy***

On September 27, we visited the Hmong College Prep Academy to provide their students with details about our apprenticeship opportunities. Tong, one of our 2nd year brick apprentices, volunteered his time to come out and show the kids some of the very basic applications of his craft. In the future there will be more opportunities for our apprentices to volunteer at hands-on events. [Sign up here!](#) Space is limited.

## **Important Dates & Upcoming Events**

### **Tile Classes:**

- 2nd Year Tile Finishers: October 5, 2022
- 1st Year Tile Setters: October 6, 2022
- 1st Year Tile Finishers, **GROUP A**: October 11, 2022
- 1st Year Tile Finishers, **GROUP B**: October 12, 2022
- 2nd Year Tile Setters: October 13, 2022
- **ALL TILE FINISHERS, Schluter Demo: October 19, 2022**
- **ALL TILE SETTERS, Schluter Demo: October 20, 2022**
- 1st Year Tile Finishers, **GROUP A**: October 25, 2022
- 1st Year Tile Finishers, **GROUP B**: October 26, 2022
- 2nd Year Tile Setters: October 27, 2022

### **Brick Classes:**

- 3rd Year Brick: October 13, 2022
- 1st Year Brick, **GROUP B**: October 18, 2022
- 1st Year Brick, **GROUP A**: October 25, 2022
- 2nd Year Brick: October 26, 2022
- 3rd Year Brick: October 27, 2022