

# THE LEAD



## April Showers Bring May Flowers

But here at the Training Center, April brings us the first pre-apprenticeship of the year, we begin to wrap up the current year's apprentice related training, and both the apprentice contest and graduation are just around the corner!

### What's Been Happening?

Last month our correspondence tile apprentices had been working on a project for Local 96. This is their completed project!



JATC Board Member/Contractor Roger Kivela paid the Training Center a visit last month to see what everyone has been up to.



Our 2nd year tile finishers designed and installed a small mosaic with some great pops of color.



Our 1st year tile setters began and completed a countertop project at the training center this month.



Missed Out on Spring Brick Pre-Apprenticeship? Now Registering for Summer Pre-Apprenticeship!

*Come build a future with us!*  
**NOW REGISTERING FOR  
 BRICK PRE-APPRENTICESHIP**  
 Classes are June 5–July 14, Monday–Friday, 7am–3:30pm  
*This training only costs your time and commitment!*



Spring brick pre-apprenticeship kicks off its first classes this week and we're very excited to welcome all the future apprentices to the Training Center. Fellow journey-worker Chue Yang will be leading them through their first 6-weeks of training. They'll begin by learning basic material handling skills, how to spread mortar, and understanding masonry measurements. Stop by and say hello to these future apprentice bricklayers!

## Interested in Brick Pre-Apprenticeship in the Duluth area?

We will be hosting a brick pre-apprenticeship session for the Duluth area May 8–June 2. For more details or for registration, please contact Nick Radtke:  
 nradtke@bactraining.org or 218-535-5275.

# SAVE THE DATE! APPRENTICE SKILLS CONTEST

*featuring apprentices from brick, tile & PCC!*

**May 6, 2023**

*Project builds begin at 7am, awards at 1:30pm*

5420 International Parkway New Hope, MN 55428

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Year Brick & PCC | 1st & 2nd Year Tile Setters

**COMPETING FOR TOP OF THEIR CLASS &  
 THE TITLE OF**

*Best Hands in the Business!*

This year's competitors:

**BRICK**

**1st Year:**  
 Matt Pleisies  
 Ethan Poch  
 Peter Yackley  
**2nd Year:**  
 Keenan Carlson  
 Jeremiah Jones  
 Ethan Steen  
**3rd Year:**  
 Wesley Dodd  
 Brad Mergen  
 Colton Weckwerth

**PCC**

**1st Year:**  
 Cale Chapman  
 Chad Lee  
**2nd Year:**  
 Mike Davidson  
 Zakory Lindgren  
**3rd Year:**  
 Alex Johnson  
 Michael Starr

**TILE**

**1st Year:**  
 Ryan Luukkonen  
**2nd Year:**  
 Nick Ceplecha  
 Josh Clepper  
 Cody Maus  
 Joe Schille  
 Noah Thompson



April 2023						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
3	4	5	6	7	8	
Spring Brick Pre-Apprenticeship 7am-3:30pm						
	All 1st Year Brick	1st Year Tile Finishers	2nd Year Tile Layers			
10	11	12	13	14	15	
Spring Brick Pre-Apprenticeship 7am-3:30pm						
		Volunteer Opportunity! Construct Tomorrow	1st Year Tile Layers			
		2nd Year Tile Finishers				
17	18	19	20	21	22	
Spring Brick Pre-Apprenticeship 7am-3:30pm						
	All 1st Year Brick	2nd Year Brick	Volunteer Opportunity! Construct Tomorrow			
		1st Year Tile Finishers				
24	25	26	27	28	29	
Spring Brick Pre-Apprenticeship 7am-3:30pm						
		Volunteer Opportunity! Construct Tomorrow	1st Year Tile Layers			
		2nd Year Tile Finishers	2nd Year Tile Layers			
1	2	3	4	5	6	
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	All 1st Year Brick	2nd Year Brick			Apprentice Contest	
		1st Year Tile Finishers				