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Northwest College of Construction Announces 2007 Construction Craft Laborers & Carpenter Graduates; Apprentice of the Year

PORTLAND, OR – The Northwest College of Construction proudly recognizes thirteen students for their successful completion of the classroom training as part of their rigorous apprenticeship program. The carpenters program involves four years of classroom training on such subjects as framing, form building, finishing, welding, site layout, blueprint reading, safety and many others. The Construction Craft Laborers program includes two years of classroom education, including pipelaying, welding, rigging, safety and jobsite maintenance. All apprenticeship programs also require on the job training. For the carpenters, that translates to 8000 hours over four years, and for the laborers, 4000 hours. Upon final completion of the entire program, each graduate will be issued a journeyman's card.

The Northwest College of Construction is the first of its kind in Oregon. The combination of craftworker training with management development, as well as open enrollment and apprenticeship programs, are illustrative of the innovative nature of the educational institution.

The College opened in 2006, founded by the following industry associations: Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. Pacific Northwest Chapter, Associated General Contractors Oregon Columbia Chapter, Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland and National Utility Contractors Association of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

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The following students were recognized:

Craft Laborers:

Brian Holt
Brandon House
Eric Jahr
Willie Milsap
Edward Hunter

Carpenters:

Christian Alexender
Monique Botts
Ahmed Brox
Edward Ehrman*
David Steinmetz
Frank Stigliano
Christopher Ward
Jonathon Watson

**Edward Ehrman was selected "2007 Oregon-Columbia Carpenters Apprentice of the Year"*