



Happy Holidays

The Apprentice School 2022 Year in Review

Dear Alumni and Retirees,

As trees continue to change colors and the temperature vacillating between warm and cold, we look ahead in excitement to Christmas 2022. No other time when life feels a little cozier, people a little friendlier, and life a little more bearable than Christmas. It is an opportunity to celebrate, reflect, and look forward to a new year. However, before we move to 2023, I am excited to take this opportunity to highlight some of our 2022 accomplishments.

Accomplishments

- ★ The Apprentice School reaffirmed its accreditation for another six years by Council on Occupational Education (COE).
- ★ First cohort of students in our Apprentice X Program began in Fall 2022 with the VA Beach Public School System. This is an expansion of pre-apprenticeship, which allows high school students the opportunity to enroll in World Class Shipbuilder Curriculum courses for two years. Students will earn credits from their high school and The Apprentice School simultaneously.
- ★ Partnered with NNS Capital and Facilities departments to secure plans and rendering for future Building 601 renovations
- ★ We continue to partner with TNCC, TCC, and ODU.
- ★ YouthBuilders, our high school pipeline program continues to engage students throughout the region.
- ★ Updated galleries with new furniture and signage.
- ★ Hosted First Lady Youngkin to kick-off her *W+g* campaign
- ★ 2022 baseball champions
- ★ 2022 Neptune Bowl champions and won the Battle of Warwick against CNU

Opportunity

- ★ Expanded our Innovation lab to include augmented and virtual reality equipment in all 19 trades, which increased our visibility with high school students in the region. We will officially dedicate the Innovation Lab in February 2023.
- ★ Continued funding and support from Bayport and Verizon.
- ★ Received financial support from Virginia Manufacturing Association.

Director's Vision

Strengthen and develop partnerships

- Aligned with career and technical education programs across the peninsula.
- Developed and sustained collaborative projects and partnerships with internal customers, educational institutions, businesses, and civic organizations.
- Supported and participated in community events and virtual conferences.

Self-sustained Business Model

- Developed a budget system for day-to-day operations and management.
- Acquired scholarships and partnered with local, state, and national organizations for funding.
- Partnered with local, regional, and national workforce development councils.

Professional Development

- Ensured that every individual part of our organization received professional development training and support.
- Curriculum development training for both academic and craft faculty.

While there may be material gift-giving this season, let us give ourselves a chance to pause to remember the reason for our joy. Connect with loved ones and spend much needed time with your families. Share love with the most vulnerable, the least, and the left out. Remember those in our O22 family who are dealing with illnesses, and please continue to support them and keep them in your prayers. In this Christmas season, I am thankful for alumni, retirees, and friends, from whom I draw so much strength. I pray that you and your families will experience an abundance of joy this holiday season. I wish you the very best of blessings this Christmas as we pause, celebrate, remember, and look forward to 2023. Blessings of peace to you and your families this Christmas.

Please let me know your thoughts and questions by e-mail (latitia.mccane@as.edu). I hope to see you at athletic and community events.

GO BUILDERS!

