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## Message from Chris Waples Director of Education



Chris Waples

### Spring is here!!

The 2022-2023 school year at the Alberta Pipe Trades College has been extremely busy for the EPT staff as demand for apprenticeship classes is surging and new training initiatives are continually being developed to help our students. Registrations for apprenticeship classes beginning in September 2023 will be open by the end of May. All apprentices will be electronically notified via email with the opening dates for registration at the

Alberta Pipe Trades College. Please ensure that your email is up to date with your Education Department

We are pleased to do our part in helping students succeed through The Educational Partnership Foundation's (TEPF) Trades Careers Introductory to Pipe Trades program in partnership with Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB). EPSB students are attending 10 full-time weeks of training with our instructors exploring the pipe trades that started January 31, 2023 and finished April 14, 2023. EPT is excited to continue growing our partnership with TEPF and the school boards into the future. Instructing, informing, and engaging Edmonton high school students about

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## Mission Statement

The mission of the UA Local 488 Education and Training Department is to equip the UA Local 488 and their signatory contractors with educational resources for developing the skills of their apprentices and journeypersons.

By facilitating the training needs of the membership, we maximize a member's employability and prepare them for changes in the industry.

We are committed to making training opportunities available allowing members to acquire new skills and remain competitive in the industry.

In this way, we are determined to meet the needs of the piping industry and enhance employment opportunities for our members, while remaining fiscally responsible to the beneficiaries of the fund.



Education is Our Passion

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## CONTINUED... Message from Chris Waples Director of Education

the qualities of the UA trades and the professionalism of the UA Local 488 is essential as our organization continues to grow into the future.

EPT has worked with UA Local 488 to create a Training section on the Local 488 website. Some of the features for our members are a fully functional

training calendar, wait list, WRWF safety certification information, Apprentice scholarship information, and much more. The Training portal on the Local 488 website will allow all members to complete and submit all information electronically to EPT using their phone, computer or tablet.

EPT would like to welcome our three new trustees to the Trust fund board. The MCA appointed trustee Neil Touw from Strathcona Mechanical and Brothers Rodney Carlson and Tom Bailey as the newly elected UA trustees. Welcome to the EPT Trustee Board!

## UA Local 488 Apprentice Scholarship

UA Local 488 apprentices may be eligible for an Apprentice Scholarship when he/she completes a level of their apprenticeship program. Apprentices may apply for their scholarship money with the Education Department after completing their level of apprenticeship program. The requirements an apprentice must meet to qualify for the scholarship are:

1. Must be a member in good standing at the time of attending Apprenticeship school or challenging the period exam.
2. Blue Book Stamped by the Apprenticeship Board OR AIT ID Card
3. Letter from Alberta Learning with your period marks
4. School Receipt (Tuition Fee)
5. Signed Promissory Note
6. Must have 1200 Local Union 488 Contractor Contributed hours.
7. If you are Journeyman, please bring your Journeyman letter from Alberta Learning or your Journeyman certificates. You will also be required to submit your UA Card so that we can send it to head office.
8. Apprentice scholarship may only be received within 2 years of completion of trade school dates.

***Please contact the Education Department at 780-488-1266 or visit the UA Local 488 website at [local488.ca/members/documents-forms](http://local488.ca/members/documents-forms) for further information.***



**CLASSES START SOON!**

Information at [albertapipetrades.ca](http://albertapipetrades.ca)



## NAUSC Online Foundations Program

The UA Foundations Program is designed for new and existing UA members to learn more about the organization they are a part of. This program provides insight to the world of trade unions, the structure of the UA and its core values. It will touch on the history and heritage of the United Association including labour history in North America. Participants will also learn about the benefits of a union membership, the importance of training, mentorship, and the apprenticeship process in Canada. UA Foundations will also cover the significance of diversity management and introduce participants to financial literacy for construction trades workers.

### *Students will have an understanding of:*

- The Structure of the UA,
- The Heritage and History of the UA
- Benefits of union membership
- UA Training
- Apprenticeship in Canada
- Mentorship
- Diversity Management
- Financial Literacy

Access to the course is found at [nausc.link/foundations](https://nausc.link/foundations). All members will need their UA Card number to login and access the materials. New members are automatically sent an invitation through our office. Your Local Training Director will be notified of your successful completion of this program.

### *instructor* SPOTLIGHT



#### **MARK F. ROBINSON**

Started the trade in 1983 in Ontario as a pressure welder/fitter.

Slowly made my way west

and joined UA Local 179 in 1990.

Through the UA I developed a broad spectrum of experience within the piping industry.

I greatly benefitted from the high-quality training in the UA and set my sights on becoming a part of it later in my career.

Worked on a great variety of projects in construction and maintenance. Gas plants, Refineries, Upgraders, Chemical plants, Pulp Mill turnarounds, Big inch Compressor stations, Pumping stations, Mines, shop fabrication, Pipeline and Hot tapping, all in seven provinces.

This broad spectrum of experience produced a desire to pass on the skills I had developed. After moving into Alberta, I inquired about teaching when I was renewing my B certification at Red Deer College, and I was presented with an opportunity that I decided to take. In 2006 I began my instructional career, which led me to merging my two career

passions of the Union and instructing trades here at APTC in 2010. As the first welding instructor at APTC, I was able to bring all my prior knowledge and experience into developing the welding program. I am grateful for the opportunity to strengthen 488 and the UA through instructional duties while continuing my career. There has been great reward training the next generation of union tradespersons and I look forward to being a part of the future growth of our local and its' training programs.

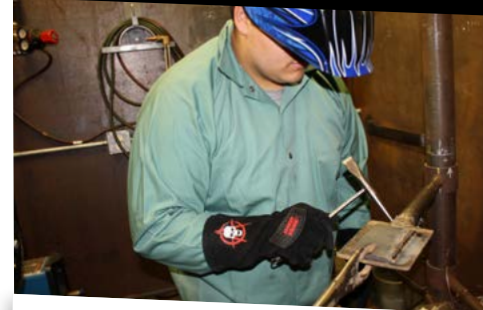


## Introduction to Pipe Trades

Edmonton Pipe Trades are pleased to do our part in helping students succeed through The Educational Partnership Foundation's (TEPF) Trades Careers Introductory to Pipe Trades program in partnership with Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB).

January 31, 2023 was the beginning of our 10 weeks with high school students from EPSB that registered with their high school to attend TEPF's Pipe Trades program that operated at the Alberta Pipe Trades College. The high school students graduated from our college's program on April 14, 2023 and received high school credit for their completion. Once again, our facility, instructional staff and programming were on display and received outstanding reviews from all parties.

EPT is excited to continue growing our partnership with TEPF and the Edmonton and surrounding areas different school boards going forward. This first class with EPSB students was outstanding and our staff are looking forward to next year and offering this opportunity to more high school students. Instructing, informing, and engaging Edmonton high school students about the qualities of the UA trades and the professionalism of the UA Local 488 is essential as our organization continues to grow into the future.



*free* **CLASS for 488  
FAMILY UA MEMBERS**

## INTRODUCTION TO WELDING

**MAY 8 – 12 | JUNE 5 - 9**

**8 AM – 3:30 PM**

Bring your family members and explore the fundamentals of a career in welding by practicing the safe use of welding equipment, trying wire feed welding and learning various fabrication processes. You will weld, meld and create. You will have access to proper safety training in both hand and industrial power tools regardless of your level of experience. Grab the tools, supplies, and get welding.

- Full Employment
- Diversity within the industry
- It pays well
- It's enjoyable work
- You learn valuable skills to use outside work
- Multiple career paths
- You can travel the world as a welder

*\*Free for all family members (sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, sisters, brothers etc.) of 488 members that are IN GOOD STANDING.*

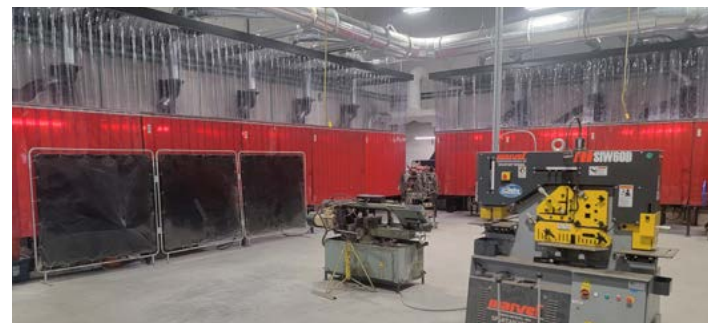




## UA Local 254 Winnipeg Grand Opening

The UA Local 488 Education Department congratulates our brothers and sisters in Winnipeg, Manitoba at UA Local 254 for the grand opening of their new office and training facility. The local has built a spectacular building that has a very large and expansive training area. Once again, the United Association leads industry in the training of our UA Brothers and Sisters. UA Local 254 Training Director Steve Ducharme welcomes all UA members across Canada to drop in if they are in Winnipeg to see the facility.

**WELL DONE LOCAL 254!!!**



## EFT's Now Available

Edmonton Pipe Trades (EPT) is continually striving to best serve our membership and at the same time working hard to reduce our impact on the environment. We can reduce our carbon footprint, while implementing processes that are beneficial for our business and membership.

EPT is pleased to announce we are now able to remit payments electronically via online banking and Direct Deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer - EFT) for Work Ready Workforce Safety benefits and Apprentice Scholarship benefits.

This new service will reduce the possibility of fraud from lost or misdirected cheques and eliminate the uncertainties associated with the timing of payments, as you will know exactly when your funds will be transferred. The transfer dates for all EFT's will be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> day of every month.

If you wish to participate in EFT, please contact the EPT office or visit [local488.ca/members/documents-forms/](http://local488.ca/members/documents-forms/) for the updated forms.





## Welder Recertification Benefit

UA Local 488 members may be eligible for benefits through the UA Local 488 Supplementary Benefit Trust Fund to cover the cost of the B-Pressure Recertification or CWB check test.

Below are the requirements of a UA Local 488 member to be eligible for benefits to cover the B-Pressure Recertification and CWB Check Test.

### B Pressure Requirements

- UA Local 488 member In good standing for 1 year
- Minimum 300 UA Local 488 worked hours in the previous 2 years
- Recertification test must be completed at the UA Local 488 Weld Test Facility

### Pressure Tests Eligible

- F3/F4 NPS 2 XXH (E6010/E7018) [Stick / Stick]
- F6/F4 NPS 2 XXH (ER70S/E7018) [Tig / Stick]
- F6/F4 2.5" OD x 0.625" Wall Thickness [STT / FCAW]

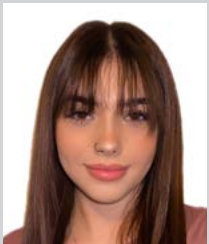
### CWB Check Test

- UA Local 488 member In good standing for 1 year
- Minimum 300 UA Local 488 worked hours in the previous 2 years
- Recertification test must be completed at the UA Local 488 Weld Test Facility

### CWB Tests Eligible

- SMAW
- FCAW

## staff SPOTLIGHT



### BELLA HOLUBETZ

I am part of the administration team working in the computer lab at Alberta Pipe Trades College. I started working at APTC in

July of 2021, shortly after I graduated from O'Leary High School. I always knew I enjoyed helping people and sought out to find a job where I was able to do so!

Alberta Pipe Trades College has been the perfect place for me to utilize my knowledge on computers and not only have I helped people complete what members have needed to get to work but I've built relationships with our members. The work through our Union has exposed me to many different learning opportunities. I have gotten the chance to sit in on classes being offered through APTC and received the chance to learn different administrative positions here, such as our reception, registrar position and our weld shop.

Being a part of the Alberta Pipe Trades Team has introduced me to so many opportunities and has opened doors to help me grow and learn, and I know that will continue in my career here. I'm passion about helping our members, and meeting the membership has been another great experience of being part of this union.

*career* OPPORTUNITY

## Pipe Trades Instructor

The Alberta Pipe Trades College is responsive to the educational needs of the construction and maintenance sector throughout Alberta. The school is comprised of dedicated and innovative staff committed to the success of their students.

### Description:

Candidates for this position should be energetic leaders, have sound verbal and written communication skills, be committed to student motivation and achievement, and be oriented toward student success.

Plumber students will learn to install and service plumbing systems, fixtures, piping equipment and controls for transporting water, waste, gases or hot liquids. Students will learn to prepare detailed sketches for pipe and equipment fabrication and installation, underground storm, sanitary and water piping systems and finishing work, such as installing sinks, lavatories, tubs and water closets or more specialized work like installing water conditioners or hydronic heating and chilled water systems.

Steamfitter-Pipefitter students will learn to layout, assemble, fabricate, maintain, and repair piping systems which carry water, steam, chemicals or fuel used in heating/cooling, lubricating and other processes. Students will measure, cut, thread, groove, bend, assemble and install all types of metal, plastic fiberglass pipes, valve and fitting using blueprints and specifications.

### Instructor Responsibilities:

- Prepare and present lessons, lectures, and demonstrations to students.
- Demonstrate procedures and supervise practical shop assignments.
- Prepare, administer, and grade assignments and examinations.
- Maintain student attendance, progress data and records.
- Other related duties such as development of new instructional material and maintenance of instructional equipment.
- Able to work independently and within a team environment.
- Strong knowledge of computers and digital platforms

### Qualifications:

- High School diploma
- Completion of the Alberta Plumber/Gasfitter journeyperson certificate and Interprovincial Red Seal(s) and a minimum 5 years journeyperson experience **and/or**
- Completion of the Alberta Steamfitter-Pipefitter journeyperson certificate and Interprovincial Red Seal and a minimum 5 years journeyperson experience.
- Preference will be given to candidates with previous instructional experience.

**Remuneration:** Salary will be commensurate with education and experience.

**Closing Date:** Friday May 19, 2023

Forward all cover letters and resumes to: [chris.waples@ept488.ca](mailto:chris.waples@ept488.ca)

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## Upcoming Courses

### 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR COMMON CORE

May 8 – June 30

### 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR WELDER

May 8 – June 30

### 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR STEAMFITTER/PIPEFITTER

May 8 – June 30

### NAUSC

#### NAUSC CSA MEDICAL GAS

May 8 – 12

#### NAUSC COLD CUTTING

May 24 – 26

#### NAUSC JOB STEWARD

May 31 – Jun 2

#### NAUSC COLD CUTTING

Jun 21 – 23

### Steamfitter/Pipefitter

#### BASIC PIPEFITTING

May 29 – 30

#### PIPE FABRICATION

Jun 19 – 23

### Welding

#### INTRO TO WELDING

May 8 – 12

#### INTRO TO WELDING

Jun 5 – 9

### Plumbing

#### CROSS CONNECTION

May 15 – 19

#### CROSS CONNECTION RECERT

May 26

#### CROSS CONNECTION

Jun 12 – 16

#### CROSS CONNECTION RECERT

Jun 23

### Skills Programs

#### INTRO TO THREADING AND GROOVING

May 23

#### INTRO TO SOLDERING AND BRAZING

May 25

#### INTRO TO PROGRESS AND WIRSBO

May 26

**Open your Options**

with Alberta Pipe Trades College

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