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Message from Chris Waples Director of Education



Chris Waples

Summer is here!

The 2022-2023 school year at the Alberta Pipe Trades College was 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 opened May 9, 2023. All apprentices were 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. All registered apprentices must attend technical training every school year to progress through their apprenticeship. Class registration has been brisk and all apprentices needing to attend school next year should contact your Education Department at 780 488 1266 immediately to secure a spot in a class at the Alberta Pipe Trades College.

The 2023 2024 APTC course calendar is available for all members on the UA Local 488 website.

APTC instructor Ron Beaudette is retired June 30, 2023. Ron has been a fantastic instructor for our college and members of the Local 488 and on behalf of the EPT staff and the entire Local 488, I wish him the best

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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.

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in retirement with his family.

UA Local 170 in Vancouver hosted the 2023 UA Western Canada Regional Apprentice Competition and Justin Kladas (Welder) and Simon Frisch (HVACR) represented UA Local 488 with a high level of skill and class. Apprentices compete from the Steamfitter-Pipefitter, Plumber, Welder, HVACR and Sprinkler Systems Installer trades. The Alberta Pipe Trades College is excited to be named the host of the 2024 UA Western Canada Regional Apprentices Competition and welcome our brother and sister apprentices

from Western Canada to Edmonton next spring for an outstanding competition. Any apprentices looking for more information regarding the event please contact Chris Waples at 780 488 1266.

We are looking forward to extending and growing our partnership with Edmonton Public School Board high school students in 2023-2024 through The Educational Partnership Foundation's (TEPF) Trades Careers Introductory to Pipe Trades program. This program hosted at the APTC ran for the first time this past year and was very successful. 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.

Your education facility has a fully served computer lab that is accessible for all members needing to complete any computer work. The administration staff member working in the computer lab will be glad to help any member encountering any computer issues as they try to go to work. Please drop in and visit.

COURSE SPOTLIGHT



NAUSC CONTROLLED BOLTING

PPE Requirement: CSA boots, gloves, safety glasses, a long sleeve shirt and no loose clothing.

This course provides students with introductory technical information to safely and correctly operate, troubleshoot and maintain controlled bolting equipment.

UPCOMING DATES

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

OCT 23 - 27, 2023

DEC 18 - 22, 2023

Contact EPT at
780-488-1266 or
albertapipetrades.ca
for course offerings

CLASSES START SOON!

Information at albertapipetrades.ca



Weld Test and Training Center News

EPT would like to welcome Jason Hooper as our new Welding Examiner/Instructor. Jason is a Journeyman B Pressure Welder and has been a UA Local 488 member for the past 22 years that has worked in multiple fab shop, mod yards, industrial sites, new construction, and maintenance. Jason has proved to be a great asset to the team and the UA Local 488 membership over the last 6 months.

EPT offers our UA Members access to our facilities for welding practice, training and testing.

Processes - SMAW, GTAW, GMAW (STT/RMD), FCAW, SAW

Filler Materials - Carbon steel electrodes, Low alloy steel electrodes, Stainless Steel electrodes, Nickel & Nickel alloy electrodes

Welding Materials - (Pipe / Plate) - NPS ½ - NPS 6
Carbon steel base material, (1/4"-1/2") x 6" Flat Bar
Carbon steel

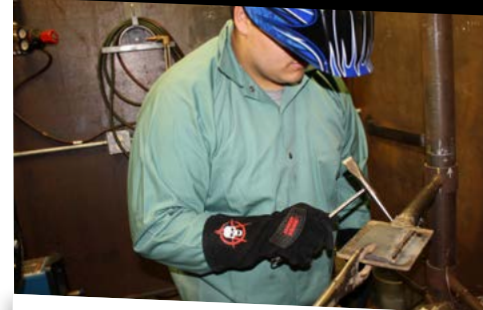
Welder Recertification Supplementary Benefit Fund Eligibility Requirements

B Pressure

- UA Local 488 Member in good standing for 1 year min
- Minimum 300 worked hours in the last 2 years in Alberta with a UA Signatory Contractor
- Weld test covered by Supp benefit fund
 - 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 min
- Minimum 300 worked hours in the last 2 years in Alberta with a UA Signatory Contractor
- Weld test covered by Supp benefit fund
 - SMAW
 - FCAW



free **CLASS for 488 FAMILY UA MEMBERS**

INTRODUCTION TO WELDING

**SEPT 11 – 15 | OCT 16 – 20
NOV 20 – 24 | DEC 11 – 15**
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.*



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. 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.

staff SPOTLIGHT



JARROD TOLMAN

My name is Jarrod Tolman and I am the Program Coordinator for the Alberta Pipe Trades College.

I joined UA Local 488 in 2005 after a brief but exciting career as an Emergency Medical Technician. I received my Journeyman Steamfitter ticket in 2009. Like many of you, my career led me

down various paths, working in new construction, maintenance, commissioning, shutdowns to name a few. I managed to get experience in many types of industries such as refineries, power plants, pulp and paper mills, chemical plants, and mining. Eventually, this started leading to leadership roles and even stewarding for a while. Ready for something new, I decided to try educating and fortunately was able to get into Alberta Pipe Trades College and have been here since.

At our college I am an instructor for the following courses:

Steamfitter-Pipefitter apprenticeship (all years)

NAUSC Cold Cutting

NAUSC Controlled Bolting

EPRI Industrial Rigging

NAUSC Supervisor I

NAUSC Job Steward

I am proud to be able to serve the membership in a training capacity and aid to elevate their skills. I look forward to having the opportunity to continue to help you grow as excellent tradesmen.



Sprinkler Systems Installer Training

The National Sprinkler Industry JTAC is pleased to announce the online member learning management system (LMS) portal available to all current sprinkler journeypersons and apprentices under the National Road Sprinkler Fitter Collective Agreement at no cost to the UA Member.

This LMS will provide enhanced learning opportunities to the membership as well as provide a continual resource to the content from your personal computers and devices. This platform is not intended to replace in person training and critical hands-on experience currently part of upgrade training provided for this trade through your local training centres. This LMS will allow for a complementary

learning experience and provide distance and remote training opportunities at a self pace format along with additional instructor lead options that were previously not available to the membership.

Currently, there are courses available for member enrollment on the site with upcoming content to be continually added as it is developed. Your log in will land on your personal dashboard and allow access to the course catalogue, courses you have in progress and course results/ certificates. We will continue to add course/materials along with manufacture-based training and certifications as they become available. Username and password for the NFPA all access will be maintained

under the resource tab. Please go to www.nationalsprinklerjtac.org to access the LMS portal.

Your username to login is your full name as it appears on your UA Card without spaces (do include any apostrophes and dashes where present) followed by underscore and your local number. For example: Taylor J Smith of Local 853 would have a username of `taylorjsmith_853` (your password is your UA Card number).

The site will correspond through the current emails provided to UA head office. Be sure to check your profile settings when you log in and forward any corrections or changes to your email through your local training department.

"Work Force" Ready

A UA Local 488 member will be required to have these certifications before being dispatched.

1. Confined Space Entry Monitor - **Defined Benefit \$130**
2. Fall Protection – **Defined Benefit \$130**
3. Mobile Elevated Work Platform - **Defined Benefit \$140**
4. Half Mask Fit Testing – 3M 6000 series and True North 7700 series - **Defined Benefit \$60**
5. CSTS 2020 - **Free**
6. Common Safety Orientation (CSO)
- **Defined Benefit \$69**

UA Local 488 members who are qualified can be reimbursed up to the defined benefit amount, see above. Please contact one of our preferred providers ACTI (587) 340-3849 or Touchback Safety (780) 455-5573 to book an appointment. Advise the provider that you are a 488 member to receive the special pricing.

UA Local 488 members that choose to obtain their training and certification from another Safety provider will only be eligible for the Defined Benefit.

Receipts, safety cards, and course applications can be emailed to safety@ept488.ca to apply for your benefits or visit our office.

CSTS 2020

Alberta Construction Safety Association has extended the offering of CSTS 2020 online for no charge at their website youracsa.ca for anyone to become certified.

CSO

Energy Safety Canada (ESC) offers the Common Safety Orientation (CSO) certification online at their website energysafetycanada.com.

PCST

UA Local 488 member will submit an email request for PCST certification to heather.carlson@ept488.ca. The request must include your first name, last name and UA card number.



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 1st and 15th day of every month.

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

**CLASSES
START SOON!**

Information at
albertapipetrades.ca

Upcoming Courses

1ST YEAR COMMON CORE

Aug 28 - Oct 20

2ND YEAR STEAMFITTER/PIPEFITTER

Aug 28 - Oct 20

1ST YEAR WELDER

Aug 28 - Oct 20

2ND YEAR PLUMBER

Oct 23 - Dec 15

3RD YEAR WELDER

Oct 23 - Dec 15

NAUSC

NAUSC SUPERVISOR I

Sept 25 - 29

NAUSC JOB STEWARD

Oct 4 - 6

NAUSC CSA MEDICAL GAS

Dec 4 - 8

NAUSC COLD CUTTING

Sept 6 - 8

Nov 15 - 17

NAUSC CONTROLLED BOLTING

Oct 23 - 27

Dec 18 - 22

Steamfitter/Pipefitter

PRACTICAL PIPEFITTING

Nov 20 - Dec 1

BASIC PIPEFITTING

Oct 10 - 11

PIPE FABRICATION

Oct 30 - Nov 3

EPRI RIGGING

Oct 23 - 27

Nov 27 - Dec 1

Dec 11 - 15

Welding

INTRODUCTION TO WELDING

Sept 11 - 15

Oct 16 - 20

Nov 20 - 24

Dec 11 - 15

JOURNEYMAN TO B PRESSURE WELDING

Oct 30 - Nov 10

SAW WELDING

Nov 15 - 17

Plumbing

COMMERCIAL ROUGH IN

Nov 6 - 7

INTRO TO DRAIN CLEANING

Nov 14

CROSS CONNECTION

Sept 11 - 15

Oct 16 - 20

Nov 6 - 10

Dec 4 - 8

CROSS CONNECTION RECERT

Sept 5

Oct 3

Nov 14

Dec 11

Skills Programs

INTRO TO THREADING AND GROOVING

Oct 11

INTRO TO SOLDERING AND BRAZING

Oct 12

INTRO TO PROPPRESS AND WIRSBRO

Oct 13

Open your Options

with Alberta Pipe Trades College

Call 780-488-1266 or visit albertapipetrades.ca for full course offerings

Ron Beaudette Retirement Party

The staff of EPT, present and past, joined Ron's wife, daughters, grandchildren, parents, and parent in-laws in celebrating Ron's career with the college on June 30, 2023.

Ron's career with the APTC started in the fall of 2011.

The students at the APTC were very fortunate to have worked with Ron as he shared his experience and skill with every student as they strived to be the best tradesperson possible.

Everyone strives to leave the workplace better than what was given to when you started. Ron epitomizes this measure of success as the programming and school is vastly better now in 2023 than when Ron started in 2011. Ron has left a mark on all his students and colleagues at the College that he has worked with and beside that will last forever.

Congratulations on your retirement Ron and all the incredible years of work you dedicated to the advancement of students, staff, and programming at the Alberta Pipe Trades College.

