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## Message from Chris Waples Director of Education



Chris Waples

I hope everyone had a great summer with their family and loved ones! The thoughts of the staff of EPT are with anyone that was affected by the wildfires this summer. EPT hopes everyone is safe and looking forward to a successful year.

The 2023-2024 school year has started, and apprenticeship classes are full for the September intakes of plumber, steamfitter-pipefitter, and welder. There are limited seats left in the next four intakes of plumber, steamfitter-pipefitter, and welder,

so apprentices wanting to register for school should contact the college at 780-488-1266 ASAP. As the work opportunities for apprentices grow each year, I must remind all apprentices that every apprentice **MUST** go to school every year to ensure they are completing their apprenticeship program on schedule and their apprenticeship with AIT remains in good standing.

The UA Training Department offered the Instructor Training Program (ITP) August 12-18, 2023, for all UA instructors. A huge congratulations goes to our instructor Mark Robinson as he graduated from the Washtenaw Community College with a

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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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Certified Instructor diploma. EPT sent six instructors to the UA ITP this summer to continue their development as instructors for our membership.

Ron Beaudette retired from the college on June 30, 2023, and on behalf of all the EPT staff, we wish Ron and his entire family a happy and healthy retirement. Ron has agreed to continue helping our college on a part time basis when required. The staff at EPT would like to welcome Aaron Rattray to our instructional staff this fall. Aaron has decades of experience in the field and is excited to begin his career as a pipe trades instructor.

### **Congratulations to Ron Beaudette and Welcome Aboard Aaron Rattray!!**

UA Canada has given the Local 488 the opportunity to host the 2024 UA Western Regional Apprentice Competition at our college. This event will host

apprentices in five trades (Welder, Steamfitter-Pipefitter, Plumber, HVACR and Sprinkler Systems Installer) from the seven UA Locals across Western Canada. Although the event is still 8 months away, there is work to be done to welcome our sisters and brothers from our Western Locals to our outstanding facility. There will be much more information regarding this event coming in the new year.

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.

Have a great fall season!!

## weld examiner SPOTLIGHT



### **TYLER LANGEVIN**

Allow me to introduce myself, Tyler Langevin of Edmonton Alberta. I graduated high school in Fort McMurray Alberta in 2002. I continued my education and training in the welding trade, completing 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> years of trade school at Keyano Collage in Fort McMurray Alberta where I lived and worked.

Over the last 18 years, I have fulfilled the following roles:  
Welder / B Pressure Welder, QC

Inspector, QC Lead, QC Coordinator, Welding Examiner and Welding Instructor. I've specialized in the following areas: Welding, Welding Instruction, Weld Examination, Inspection, Quality Control and Systems. I value both

education and hands on experience, saying this I have sought out certificated documented technical training to complement my personal work experience. I have gained knowledge from many of my colleagues and strive as a leader to pass along the knowledge that I have gained.

Throughout my career, I have met industry requirements and standards for and currently hold certification in the following: Alberta Journeyman Welder, Canada Red Seal Welder, Alberta B Pressure Welder, CSA 178.2 CWB Level 3 Welding Inspector, API 510 Pressure Vessel Inspector, API 570 Pressure Piping Inspector.

When I am not working, I enjoy a variety of activities mostly outdoors. I can sometimes be found out camping and quadding remote trails, exploring northern Alberta with my wife, friends, family and the pups.

## Weld Test and Training Center News

All Certificates of Competency for pressure welders are issued by ABSA.

ABSA (Alberta Boilers Safety Association) is the pressure equipment safety authority for Alberta. ABSA administers Alberta's pressure equipment safety programs under the Safety Codes Act and has the authority to enforce pressure equipment safety as set out in the legislation.

To ensure public safety, pressure welders are required to demonstrate specific skills and knowledge before they are allowed to weld on pressure equipment in Alberta. The Certificate of Competency authorizes the holder to weld on pressure equipment, subject to the limitations prescribed in the Pressure Welders Regulation and described on the PQ Card held by the certified person.

### Responsibilities

Pressure Welders or Machine Welding Operators have several responsibilities under the Safety Codes Act and Regulations. Some of these responsibilities are:

- perform welding within the limitations of your performance qualification card.
- perform welding in accordance with a welding procedure registered for use in Alberta.
- perform welding under a valid quality program for construction, modification, or repair of pressure equipment.
- ensure that your certificate of competency and applicable performance qualification card are available when performing welding on pressure equipment.
- renew your certificate of competency or performance qualification card before the expiry date.
- identify your weldments by assigned symbols except for Pressure Tack Welders

### 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.



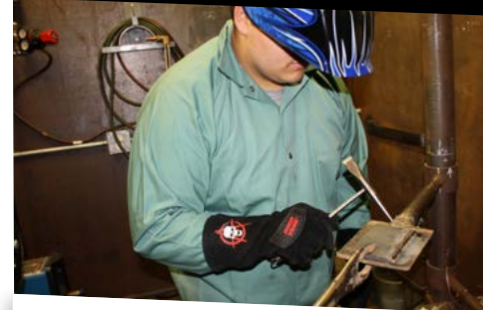
## 2023 Instructor Training Program Report

**AUGUST 12 – 18, 2023**

The United Association (UA) Education and Training Department annually offers an Instructor Training Program for all UA instructors across North America and Australia to continue their development as an instructor. This year marked the 69<sup>th</sup> program, with more than 30 years held at Washtenaw Community College (WCC) in Ypsilanti, Michigan. This year the ITP program had more than 2000 UA instructors enrolled in the program. Our UA instructors have the opportunity to complete professional courses offered through the college to graduate the Instructor Training Program with a diploma from WCC as a Certified Instructor. The UA offers hundreds of trades related courses and certifications that our instructors can bring back to offer our membership.

Edmonton Pipe Trades was represented this year with six instructors at ITP and we have been participating in this program for decades as Edmonton Pipe Trades strives to continue to professionally develop our instructors for the benefit of our UA Local 488 membership. Our college now has three graduates of this outstanding collaborative program between the UA and WCC.

Congratulations to Mark Robinson on your 2023 graduation and to Craig Olsen and Lewis Hill on your prior graduations of the Certified Instructor program!



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

### INTRODUCTION TO WELDING

**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.*



Canadian UA Instructors group



## EPRI Industrial Rigging and Crane Signaling Certification

For over two decades journeyman members with rigging experience have had the opportunity to obtain the EPRI Industrial Rigging and Crane Signaling Certification at the UA Local 488 training facilities. This certification is obtained from the UA Head Office and is recognized across North America by clients and contractors in Industry as the premier rigging certification in the marketplace. This certification has proven valuable for UA members performing rigging tasks safely and efficiently for our clients and contractors

### Course Facts

**Tuition:** \$60.00 – eligible for reimbursement upon successful completion

**Required Books:** Extra Cost that is not eligible for reimbursement

**Pre-Requisite:** UA Journeyman member in good standing

The EPRI Industrial Rigging and Crane Signaling Certification program is 40 hours and offered Monday to Friday for one week.

Students perform Industrial Rigging and Crane Signaling 120 question written exam with a passing score of 80% or better

Students perform Industrial Rigging and Crane Signaling Performance exam of 3 skill set lifts

Upon successful completion of both examinations, UA member has an EPRI Industrial Rigging and Crane Signalling certification and a Signal Person Certification, both are valid for 5 years.

UA Member is required to recertify their Industrial Rigging and Crane Signaling certification before their 5-year expiration date. UA Members are required to attend a minimum 4-hour review class and pass a 120-question written examination only with an 80% or better. No performance exam is required for recertification.



## John Tackaberry Future Leaders Award 2023

The Building Trades of Alberta (BTA) awards the John Tackaberry Future Leaders Award every year to a Building Trades Apprentice that is passionate about leadership.

The description can be found on the BTA website ([bta.ca](http://bta.ca)) but here is an excerpt:

**Are you a Building Trades of Alberta apprentice who's passionate about leadership? Do you show drive and commitment to be a leader at home, on the worksite and in your community? Then enter to win the John Tackaberry Future Leaders Award and \$1000.**

**John was a father, a friend, a brother and an incredibly skilled tradesperson. In all he did, he was a leader. John served on many committees, held numerous leadership positions and mentored members as they progressed in their careers. However, leadership isn't always about having the spotlight, the title, or the authority. True leadership comes in all shapes and sizes. It's about taking the initiative and helping those around you. It's about making a positive impact at your work,**

**home and in your community. Real leadership has to be lived and that was something John excelled at.**

**This award was created to honour his passion for others. Write an essay that describes your commitment to leadership and show us what makes you a true leader and you could receive the John Tackaberry Future Leaders Award along with \$1000!**

UA Local 488 apprentice Francis Latourelle-Diotte's four page essay, **"My Unwavering Commitment to Leadership"**, was presented the John Tackaberry Future Leaders Award by an independent panel at the 2023 BTA conference.

Congratulations Francis!

The future looks bright with apprentices like Francis leading the way!

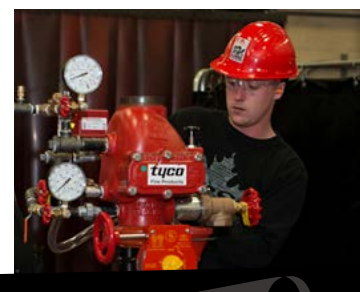
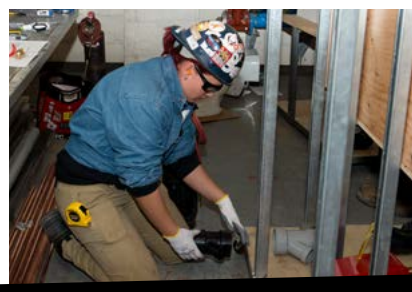


## UA Local 488 Apprentice Scholarship

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.**



## “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](mailto: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](http://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](http://energysafetycanada.com).

### PCST

UA Local 488 member will submit an email request for PCST certification to [heather.carlson@ept488.ca](mailto: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 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.

CLASSES  
START SOON!

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

## Upcoming Courses

### 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR PLUMBER

Oct 23 - Dec 15

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

Oct 23 - Dec 15

### NAUSC

#### NAUSC JOB STEWARD

Oct 4 - 6

#### NAUSC CSA MEDICAL GAS

Dec 4 - 8

#### NAUSC COLD CUTTING

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 30 - Nov 3

Nov 27 - Dec 1

Dec 11 - 15

### Welding

#### INTRODUCTION TO WELDING

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

Oct 16 - 20

Nov 6 - 10

Dec 4 - 8

#### CROSS CONNECTION RECERT

Oct 3

Nov 14

Dec 11

### Skills Programs

#### INTRO TO THREADING AND GROOVING

Oct 11

#### INTRO TO SOLDERING AND BRAZING

Oct 12

#### INTRO TO PROGRESS AND WIRSBRO

Oct 13

## Open your Options

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Call 780-488-1266 or visit [albertapipetrades.ca](http://albertapipetrades.ca) for full course offerings



