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The Keystone + Mountain + Lakes Regional Council of Carpenters Partners with Local Career and Technology Centers to Prepare and Attract Future Carpenters

Pittsburgh, PA – On Friday, March 4, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm, the Keystone + Mountain + Lakes Regional Council of Carpenters collaborated with eight local Career and Technology Centers (CTC) in order to provide a new innovative approach to preparing Building Construction Technology and Carpentry students for the upcoming NOCTI exam.

The NOCTI exam delivers a range of hands-on and written assessments to test a student's technical skills and knowledge in their career and technical program area. These assessments focus on job and task analysis and are judged by industry and educational leaders in the surrounding community.

This 1st *Annual Carpenter's Training Career Connection Seminar* provided 64 Career and Technology students the opportunity to prepare for the NOCTI exam and a post-secondary career plan through five seminar events. These included:

- An overview of the Carpenter's Joint Apprenticeship Training Center (JATC) Program
- Practice on a Sample Entrance Exam (Similar to the apprenticeship exam that all applicants must take to be considered for acceptance into the Carpenters' JATC Program)
- Mock Application and Resume Review
- Hands on Assessment
- Blueprint Reading

The 64 participating students were from eight different Career and Technology Centers including:

- Parkway West Career and Technology Center
- Mon Valley Career and Technology Center
- Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center
- Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center
- A.W Beattie Career Center
- Pittsburgh Carrick High School Carpentry Program
- Pittsburgh Westinghouse High School Carpentry Program
- Beaver County Career and Technology Center
- Greene County Career and Technology Center

The collaboration between the Keystone + Mountain + Lakes Regional Council of Carpenters and area CTC's was the first of its kind. This partnership informed students of the post-secondary career options available at the Carpenters Training Center, while also giving them a new learning approach for the upcoming NOCTI exam.

For more information:

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