



AWCA News February 2017

Apprenticeship

The evolution of the AWCA RAP Draft and its impact on apprenticeship numbers in the NAIT Program continue to enhance the industry.

RAP Draft DATES:

Edmonton: May 18 at St. Joseph's High School

Calgary: May 24 at NAIT

Please contact AWCA to register your company to participate in this year's RAP Draft

Career Fairs:

In addition to the RAP Draft, Careers:The Next Generation is holding 'Career Fairs' in Edmonton and Calgary this year.

Edmonton Dates:

April 5, St Joseph's High School

April 12, Jasper Place High School

Calgary Dates:

Feb 22, Lord Beaverbrook High School

March 1, James Fowler High School

March 22, Father Lacombe High School

The objectives are:

- Share information about skilled trades, related industries, and opportunities for employment
- Make skilled trade career education relevant to Junior and Senior High School students
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- Provide students and their families networking opportunities with trade-related employers, professional associations and post-secondary institutions
- Answer questions from students and their supports about ISM and contractor companies
- Distribute information to students and parents
- Demonstration and hands-on skill involvement of your trade will motivate students to get involved and explore the trade further in the future.

If you and your company are interested (suppliers and manufacturers welcome!) in representing the ISM industry, please contact AWCA. A huge shout out to Moe Smith and Danmar for all their work over the past two years in promoting ISM at the Calgary Career Fairs!

We are working with QSI Edmonton on designing and building a "Career Ladder" to visibly demonstrate that ISM is indeed a viable career choice. Thank you QSI!

Materials

The success of the NAIT Apprenticeship Program requires a concerted effort of the entire wall and ceiling industry: from the education providers, NAIT, contractors – mentors who help hone the skills learned in the NAIT classroom, suppliers delivering materials, and manufacturers providing materials. The March material lists are prepared and will be sent this week. Kenroc's Mike has generously coordinated the delivery for the past two years – Thank you! We need help this year to provide materials and deliver them to the NAIT campus and into the hands of our new apprentices. Please contact AWCA to keep our apprenticeship program flourishing.

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