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Four Lansdowne High graduates become first from BCPS to complete Apprenticeship Maryland Program

Towson, MD -- Four 2021 Lansdowne High School graduates have become the first from Baltimore County Public Schools to complete the [Apprenticeship Maryland Program](#).

The graduates -- Jason Barrera, Jacob Bentley, Trent Currie, and Tyler Simmons – completed the related instruction and more than 450 hours of employment with [Windsor Electric Company](#) required for the youth apprenticeship.

The graduates and their employer were acknowledged, along with their Electrical Careers teacher Pat Carroll, and Work-Based Learning teacher Kelly Olds at a ceremony at Lansdowne High on June 7. Representatives from the Career and Technical Education Office, Lansdowne High School, Windsor Electric, and the Maryland Department of Labor spoke to the students about their journey and the opportunities that are available for them as graduates from the program.

“Coming into high school,” Bentley said, “I knew about the electrical program and decided that I liked the career path and wanted to get into this as a career. Pat Carroll helped me get hired by Windsor Electric. I’ve really enjoyed working with Windsor, and I look forward to working with them down the road.”

“At Windsor, what we do changes every day,” Simmons added. “We are assigned to a mechanic, and we do things such as bending conduit, running wire from a panel to a device or unit, and wiring up rooms. But we also do things such as cleaning up, setting up, and grabbing tools. It varies, but it’s all fun.”

According to Kris Parker, director of operations at Windsor Electric, “These four gentlemen are doing a fantastic job. We congratulate them for taking the next step to start their careers. These are extremely motivated young men, getting it done every day, and we are lucky to have them in the workforce and particularly the construction industry and Windsor Electric. They are ready to start the next step in their journey by starting the Registered Apprenticeship program.”

AMP is an approved CTE program of study. A youth apprentice participating in this program receives supervised, structured, on-the-job training from a mentor in a specific in-demand occupation within industries such as construction and development. Youth apprenticeship program students work a minimum of 450 hours with a certified employer while receiving related educational training through their high school.

Participating students typically work during the summer after their junior year and during their senior year with a state-approved employer. They work with a mentor to learn valuable skills and earn industry credentials and high school credit. Students also receive training in employability skills, interpersonal/social skills, and general knowledge of the world of work.

At the end of the ceremony, Bentley was asked where he sees himself in five years. “Same job!” he said. “I’ll be on a Windsor job site in five years!”

“Good answer!” said the Windsor representatives.

(Editor’s note: A photo of the four Lansdowne High graduates accompanies this release.)

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