



## News Release

### ABC NATIONAL CRAFT CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITORS DEMONSTRATE SKILLS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) today announced the winners of its 2010 National Craft Championships competition, held at the association's National Convention Feb. 4-5 in San Diego.

A field of 97 craft professionals competed in 11 craft competitions representing 10 trades during this year's contest. Competitors first took an intense, two-hour written exam and then competed in daylong hands-on practical performance tests.

“The National Craft Championships is the highlight of ABC's annual National Convention, and this year was no exception,” said 2010 ABC National Chairman Jim Elmer, president of James W. Elmer Construction Co., Spokane, Wash. “Once again, we are honored to provide these craft professionals with the opportunity to demonstrate their high-quality workmanship, technical knowledge and safe work practices. These craft professionals are the best-of-the-best and show us that there is a bright future ahead for ABC and the U.S. construction industry.”

Participants proved their expertise in carpentry, electrical, fire sprinkler, HVAC, insulation, millwright, pipefitting, plumbing, sheet metal, pipe welding and structural welding. A portion of each participant's score was based on his or her good safety practices and procedures. The winners are listed below:

#### **Carpentry**

**Gold Medalist: Walter E. Farrell**

Employer: University of Akron

Training Sponsor: ABC Northern Ohio Chapter

**Silver Medalist: Matthew Archer**

Employer: Shiel Sexton Company, Inc.

Training Sponsor: ABC Indiana Chapter

**Bronze Medalist: Dustin Pagel**

Employer: Radtke Contractors, Inc.

Training Sponsor: ABC Wisconsin Chapter

## **Electrical**

### **Gold Medalist: John Riley**

Employer: DenTech, Inc.

Training Sponsor: ABC Keystone Chapter

### **Silver Medalist: Percy LaRoy Manuel**

Employer: Watson Electrical Construction Co., LLC

Training Sponsor: ABC Carolinas Chapter

### **Bronze Medalist: Matthew Otto Bednarik**

Employer: Durlam Electric, Inc.

Training Sponsor: ABC Iowa Chapter

## **Fire Sprinkler**

### **Gold Medalist: Joseph Giguere**

Employer: Rustic Fire Protection

Training Sponsor: American Fire Sprinkler Association

### **Silver Medalist: James Michael Maye**

Employer: RoDan Fire Sprinklers, Inc.

Training Sponsor: ABC Florida Gulf Coast Chapter

### **Bronze Medalist: Jeffrey Alan Tressler, Jr.**

Employer: VSC Fire & Security

Training Sponsor: ABC Baltimore Metro Chapter

## **HVAC**

### **Gold Medalist: Tyler Kratz**

Employer: Central Temperature Equipment

Training Sponsor: ABC Wisconsin Chapter

### **Silver Medalist: Tyler C. Holdgreve**

Employer: A&A Mechanical, LLC

Training Sponsor: ABC Indiana Chapter

### **Bronze Medalist: James Christopher Coughlin**

Employer: Harford Refrigeration Co., Inc.

Training Sponsor: ABC Baltimore Metro Chapter

## **Insulation**

### **Gold Medalist: Justin Allen Brooks**

Employer: G.E. Insulation Co.

Training Sponsor: ABC Saginaw Valley Chapter

### **Silver Medalist: Andrew J. Nelson**

Employer: Iowa Insulation, Inc.

Training Sponsor: Iowa Insulation, Inc.

**Bronze Medalist: Charles Cameron Clendenin**

Employer: STARCON International, Inc.

Training Sponsor: STARCON International, Inc.

**Millwright**

**Gold Medalist: Cody Clay Barnard**

Employer: McGill Maintenance Partnership, Ltd.

Training Sponsor: ABC Texas Gulf Coast Chapter

**Silver Medalist: Daniel E. Atwood**

Employer: Turner Industries Group, LLC

Training Sponsor: ABC Pelican Chapter

**Bronze Medalist: James Dungan**

Employer: Cianbro Corporation

Training Sponsor: ABC Maine Chapter/Cianbro Corporation

**Pipefitting**

**Gold Medalist: George Mobley III**

Employer: M.W. Mielke, Inc.

Training Sponsor: M.W. Mielke, Inc.

**Silver Medalist: Cristie Morand**

Employer: DECCO, Inc.

Training Sponsor: Gould Construction Institute

**Bronze Medalist: Ethan Wayne Muske**

Employer: KBR Services, Inc.

Training Sponsor: KBR Services, Inc.

**Plumbing**

**Gold Medalist: Coleman Oster**

Employer: Haller Enterprises, Inc.

Training Sponsor: ABC Keystone Chapter

**Silver Medalist: Gary E. Stalter**

Employer: Three River Corporation

Training Sponsor: ABC Saginaw Valley Chapter

**Bronze Medalist: Christopher Joseph Sbrocco**

Employer: J.R. Sbrocco Plumbing, Inc.

Training Sponsor: ABC Northern Ohio Chapter

**Sheet Metal**

**Gold Medalist: Bradley T. Sydnes**

Employer: Converse Conditioned Air, Inc.

Training Sponsor: ABC Iowa Chapter

**Silver Medalist: David Zeller**

Employer: Capitol Mechanical, Inc.  
Training Sponsor: ABC Wisconsin Chapter

**Bronze Medalist: Gervasius Brown III**

Employer: James Craft & Son, Inc.  
Training Sponsor: ABC Keystone Chapter

**Welding: Pipe**

**Gold Medalist: Seth Webber**

Employer: Cianbro Corporation  
Training Sponsor: Cianbro Corporation

**Silver Medalist: Zachery Nicholas Anthony**

Employer: STARCON International, Inc.  
Training Sponsor: STARCON International, Inc.

**Bronze Medalist: Ethan Beaugh**

Employer: Performance Contractors, Inc.  
Training Sponsor: ABC Pelican Chapter

**Welding: Structural**

**Gold Medalist: Holley Beth Thomas**

Employer: KBR Services, Inc.  
Training Sponsor: KBR Services, Inc.

**Silver Medalist: Aaron Michael Poole**

Employer: Cianbro Corporation  
Training Sponsor: Cianbro Corporation

**Bronze Medalist: Wade LaRose**

Employer: John Deere Thibodaux, Inc.  
Training Sponsor: ABC New Orleans/Bayou Chapter

The National Craft Championships was developed in 1987 to help celebrate and recognize craft training in construction careers. Each year, the competition draws some of the nation's most talented craftspeople and highlights the important role that craft skills training plays in the construction industry. The National Craft Championships Committee, which is composed of leading merit shop construction firms, plans all year for the two-day competition.

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