
Gaylor Electric Design Engineer, Apprentices Take Home National Awards from Associated Builders and Contractors

Noblesville, IN, March 14, 2016 – Gaylor Electric, Inc. today announced that design engineer John Lupacchino was named Associated Builders and Contractors' (ABC) Craft Instructor of the Year. In addition, electrical apprentices J.R. Christenberry and Eli Hannoy won gold and bronze medals, respectively, at ABC's [National Craft Championships](#). All three men were honored at ABC's Careers in Construction Awards ceremony in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on March 4 at the conclusion of ABC's [Workforce Week](#).

"The dedication to top-notch construction, quality craftsmanship and world-class safety exhibited by this year's award winners is truly impressive," said 2016 ABC National Chair David Chapin, president of Willmar Electric Service, Lincoln, Neb. "With the workforce shortage facing the construction industry, each of this year's competitors and finalists will play an important role in the future of merit shop construction. Our member companies are fortunate to employ such skilled craftsmen and women."

"Receiving these recognitions is extremely meaningful to the Gaylor Electric organization. It has been said that any company is only as good as the individuals in the company. At Gaylor, we have always set our expectations on being the highest performing contractor of excellence and these award winners are examples of what we bring to our projects. Each of them are great examples of the culture of productivity we have developed throughout the organization." Chuck Goodrich, President of Gaylor Electric, Inc.

Each year, ABC presents the Craft Instructor of the Year Award to an instructor who possesses outstanding creativity, a positive attitude, and the ability to transfer knowledge through communications skills and innovative teaching to promote lifelong learning to our future workforce. The recipient of this national award best embodies the merit shop ideals through superior effort and talent.

Lupacchino was selected from a group of four finalists and has more than 27 years of electrical construction experience, including more than 14 years of teaching experience at ABC's Indiana/Kentucky Chapter in Indianapolis. As ABC's 2016 Craft Instructor of the year, Lupacchino received a \$10,000 cash prize from NCCER and the Trimmer Construction Education Foundation.

Gaylor's Bryan Feller was one of four finalist for Craft Professional of the Year. This gave Gaylor finalist in the two top categories for the conference!

The 2016 National Craft Championships featured a field of more than 200 craft professionals from 32 states competing for top honors in 15 competitions across 13 crafts. Competitors first took an intense, two-hour written exam and then competed in daylong hands-on practical performance test. The competition 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 craft professionals and highlights the important role that craft skills training plays in the construction industry.

Christenberry, a Lafayette, Ind., native, won the gold medal and a \$750 cash prize in the Residential/Commercial Electrical competition as the best among 37 competitors. Hannoy, who won the bronze medal and \$350 in the Commercial/Industrial Electrical competition featuring 25 competitors, is a native of Lawrence, Ind. Both winners also received tools from Hilti and Klein and a pair of boots from Keen.

A total of six Gaylor Electric, Inc. apprentices competed at this year's National Craft Championships. A complete list of the 2016 winners is available [on ABC's website](#).

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) is a national construction industry trade association representing nearly 21,000 chapter members. Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC and its 70 chapters help members develop people, win work and deliver that work safely, ethically, profitably and for the betterment of the communities in which ABC and its members work. Visit us at abc.org.