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2026 ApprenticeshipNC Awards Recognize Registered Apprenticeship Excellence in North Carolina

Raleigh, North Carolina—April 27, 2026—ApprenticeshipNC is proud to announce the recipients of the 2026 ApprenticeshipNC Awards. Since their inception, the ApprenticeshipNC Awards have honored individuals and organizations that exemplify excellence, innovation, and leadership in North Carolina’s Registered Apprenticeship ecosystem. Recipients were selected through a competitive nomination and review process, evaluating excellence in performance, leadership, innovation, program quality, and overall impact.

As the gold standard of work-based learning, Registered Apprenticeship is vital to workforce development across the state, and it is a key reason CNBC has ranked Carolina the #1 State for Business in the U.S. in three of the last four years. These awards highlight the critical role that Registered Apprenticeship Programs play in building a skilled workforce while creating meaningful career pathways for North Carolinians. By fostering strong partnerships between employers, educators, and communities, ApprenticeshipNC continues to drive economic growth and expand opportunities across diverse industries statewide.

Award recipients include:

- **Outstanding Registered Pre-Apprentice:** Conner Piotrowski of Wake County Public School System and L.L. Vann Electric
- **Outstanding Registered Pre-Apprenticeship Employer:** Altec
- **Outstanding Registered Apprentice:** Michael Isaac Mayberry of Mitchell Community College and Doosan Bobcat
- **Outstanding Registered Apprenticeship Employer:** Code the Dream
- **Outstanding Group Program:** Early Years’ Durham Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship Program

For more information about the ApprenticeshipNC Awards or to learn how to get involved in North Carolina’s Registered Apprenticeship ecosystem, visit www.apprenticeshipnc.com

About ApprenticeshipNC: Recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship to act on behalf of the U.S. Department of Labor, ApprenticeshipNC (ANC) is the State Apprenticeship Agency housed within the North Carolina Community College System. The ApprenticeshipNC Team works directly with employers, educational institutions, and community partners across all 100 counties to design and implement Registered Apprenticeship and Registered Pre-Apprenticeship Programs.

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