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Boilermakers Celebrate National Apprenticeship Week

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Pittsburg, CA - In honor of the 2024 National Apprenticeship Week, Boilermakers Local 549 is excited to announce our upcoming apprenticeship indenture, scheduled for January 2025. As one of the oldest trades, Local 549 is proud to represent over 700 skilled and trained union construction workers in our Northern California jurisdiction of 61 counties.

The Boilermakers Local 549 apprenticeship program provides four years of paid on-the-job training, along with free college credits. Apprentices build skills in welding, rigging, shipbuilding, power plant construction and so much more, while working on projects across northern California and Northern Nevada. Upon completion of the program, apprentices earn journey-level wages and benefits.

"I started out as a Helper and recently indentured as an apprentice; I really love the fact that I'm getting paid a great wage while I'm training to become a Journeyman Boilermaker" - says Max DeJesus, Apprentice Welder

We proudly support The Employment and Training Administration's ERICA grant, which aims to recruit and retain women in high-wage, high-demand occupations where they are underrepresented, Boilermakers Local 549 has focused efforts on bringing more women into our trade. According to the Department of Apprenticeship Standards, Boilermakers Local 549 ranks second in California for the number of women in their apprenticeship program (per capita).

"By recruiting and retaining more women in our trade we are helping to diversify the workforce and address the skilled labor shortage." - says Felica Templeton, Welding Shop Instructor L-549.

We invite men and women interested in a rewarding career to join us for a two-day informational event on November 22nd and 23rd at our Union Hall in Pittsburg, CA. This event is an opportunity for prospective apprentices, allies, and community organizations to learn more about our 6000-hour apprenticeship program and the vital role of Boilermakers in the industry. Learn more about our future work and how we are impacting the lives of many local residents and local community members.
Please save the date and RSVP.
For more information or questions please contact us at: events@bmlocal549.org

Sincerely,

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