

# Winter 2019 On the Level

Pacific Northwest Carpenters  
Institute



Supporting Carpenters and Industry Partners

## Annual Open House/Toy and Joy Drive

PNCI hosts PNWRCC Annual Open House/ Carpenters Christmas Toy drive on the afternoon of December 5<sup>th</sup>. Nearly 200 guests visited PNCI. "PNCI is glad to host this event. This was definitely an excellent opportunity to educate contractors, local politicians and community partners on all the exciting program improvements we have made over the last few years," said Mike Hawes, PNCI Executive Director. "For many of the guests this is their first visit to PNCI, so we do our best to show them a sample of the different courses we offer and our instructional delivery methods."

This year the training stations were set up as follows: Career Connections / Summer Camp-Meg Kilmer. First Aid CPR loop-Peter Medina. Doors and Hardware-Jennifer Netherwood. Virtual Welder-Will Barnes and Dale Howe, Millwright-Dean Hawkins, Pile Driving / Diver Apprenticeship-Joe Cadwell. Wood Framing/Exterior Finish-Charlene Getchell, Aser Heye, Jared Andersen, Kim Normand, EIS-Jeff Lindberg and German Alejandres, QLM 800-Adrian Del Real and Chelsea Wilder. Scaffold and Fall Protection-Sam Moles and Larry Picard. Huddle Screen / Tech Integration-Miguel Montañó and Daniel Ronda. CTP / Ambassador Program-Amber McCoy. Advanced Concrete / Layout-Eli Pratt. Apprenticeship-Azadeh Ryan. Guest Sponsor Paul Hutter HR Answers, and Ken Gemma-Stanley Black and Decker.



*Noe Castillo (right) and Paul Hutter have an opportunity to discuss training at PNCI.*

"Every year that we put on this event PNCI manages to exceed our expectation and create an amazing experience for our guests, we certainly could not pull this off without their support and hard work," said Juan Sanchez, Regional Manager, PNWRCC. We are really fortunate to have such a strong partnership. Mike Hawes would like to recognize the following Apprentice Ambassadors for volunteering their time to help us out: Jonathon A. Middleton, Christine L. Alexander, Selina C. Lozano R. Canales, Brice Breaux, and Andrew Jordan Trask.

**Noho's Hawaiian Food was spread out throughout the shop at the different training stations.**



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# Meet PNCI's Newest Instructors

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## **Chelsea Wilder**

Chelsea began her career with Fred Shear and Sons in 2017. She quickly became a lead layout specialist, and is responsible for doing layout on a



large percentage of their projects.

PNCI took notice of her talents and brought Chelsea on staff to help develop curriculum for the QML800 QuickMark Layout by Trimble, and for Continuing Education classes.

Chelsea says, "One of my foreman once told me, 'I'll give you everything I know, all the tips and tricks, and then say, catch me if you can!' I've always kept that in the forefront of my mind. As a leader, whether an apprentice, journey-level or instructor you can offer up the best of those under your wing, but it's up to them whether or not they want to be the best. I think the best are always growing. That's what I intend to model."

## **George (Corey) Rodgers**

Corey has a bachelor's degree in Construction Management from Arizona State University. He's a multi-faceted carpenter with experience in framing, concrete, doors and hardware, and finish work. Corey has been in a supervisory role in almost every position he's held.



"With the right positive coaching every UBC member has the possibility to be a professional carpenter. As an instructor I try to teach the student the coursework in as many positive but different ways as possible."

Corey is based at PNCI's Tangent training center facility to meet the needs of Mid-Valley carpenters.



Steve has been with the UBC since 1997 as a general carpenter. He's worked on numerous projects throughout his career, including Nike and Intel.

Steve also played in the NFL for both the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Jets. He also spent some time in the Canadian Football League for the Calgary Stampeders.

Steve has spent the last 10 years teaching carpentry at the Oregon Department of Corrections.

Asked about coming to work for PNCI Steve says, "I'm excited to be an instructor at PNCI. I have a passion for teaching and want to pass on my knowledge."

Steve Carpenter will be teaching Continuing Education classes in the Mid-Valley area.

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## **Steve Carpenter**

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# New Hires Cont.

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**Steve Fegler**

Steve comes to PNCI to fill the need for a Continuing Education instructor. He brings 27 years of construction experience to share.

Steve loves, “having the opportunity to give back and hand down knowledge to up and coming workers and leaders. One of my first superintendents told me, ‘the best thing you can do is hand down knowledge.’ I’ve never forgotten those encouraging words. Now, I can make that a priority and set up others for success”.

# Toy and Joy Drive Makes the News



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## Pile Drivers

The Pile Drivers for Advanced American built and moved a section of bridge over the Columbia. Click the Link to watch the video.



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