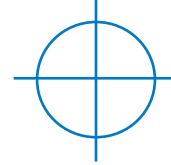


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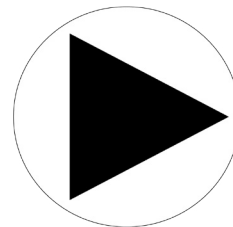
Supporting Carpenters and Industry Partners

A Message From the Director: Video Update

Michael Hawes,
Executive Director,
PNCI



At PNCI, we strive to provide our members with the most up-to-date information about what's happening at the training center. *Click on the play button for a brief message.*



Amber McCoy Introduces VP Kamala Harris at the ITC



Amber McCoy, Instructor and Outreach Coordinator for PNCI had the honor of introducing Vice President Kamala Harris at the ITC on July 3, 2021. McCoy works with the International Sisters-in-the-Brotherhood and was selected by the ITC because of thier dedication and commitment to Union values. "It was a lot of work and preparation, but magical," McCoy said.

The VP was at the ITC to talk about the Infrastructure Bill congress is working on, that will create jobs for Carpenters.

[Click here to watch the C-Span link to the event](#)

Industry Outreach Event 2021

PNCI celebrated the past year's new journey-level carpenters on April 10, 2021 during a virtual Industry Outreach event. The event featured members from the industry, and explained who they were, and why they served on their respective JATC committees. PNCI is anticipating next year's celebration to be in person.

The next pages highlight the Dale Dvorak Sr. Award, the BJ Cummings Award and the Honorary Service Awards, presented at the event.

Carole Lane



Sister Carole Lane began her UBC National Job Corps Training Fund career in 1991 as an instructor at Timber Lake, after many productive years as a carpenter in the Portland area. During her nine years working directly with Job Corps students, Carole developed a great deal of wisdom and several "hacks" for making future UBC carpenters out of sometimes reluctant learners. When she was hired as Field Coordinator in 2000, this knowledge was something she shared generously with *her* instructors over the next twenty years.

Instructor Shaun Cushman at Wolf Creek says, "When I was hired to become an instructor, I got a fuller view of how knowledgeable Carole was in both the trade and the workings of the programs she supervised. Carole could provide ways to reach our students and pass on the skills that were needed at the time with ease, and in a way the students could understand." As a leader, Carole enjoyed enormous respect from peers, program partners, Job Corps center staff and students, and those whom she supervised. Instructor Kevin Hitchcock at Fort Simcoe speaks with admiration of Carole's "high-level common sense." As a boss, she was "insightful, tough, and dedicated," says Dan Williamson, Field Coordinator. The "secret ingredient," though, is *heart*. And to a person, those who have had the privilege of working for and with Carole speak of her deep caring and commitment. Lead instructor Rich Evoniuk at Wolf Creek says that Carole's emotions run deep, and she cared enormously for her instructors – they were family. Carole was always available for her instructors; Lead Instructor Bill Norwill at Curlew speaks of how Carole taught him "center diplomacy" and says Carole was "the kind

Dale Dvorak Sr. Award

of boss I felt I could always call no matter what kind of issues I was having." His teaching partner, Dan Dobson, agrees: "she was always there to give us advice when we needed it." Of course, Carole knew that all work and no play was no way to live, so while she was traveling for program visits, she enjoyed getting to know her instructors and their families. Lead Instructor Tony Gulley at Fort Simcoe recalls, "My wife and I would always pick Carole up at her hotel and go out to dinner on her visits here." He adds, "Carole is one of the strongest, smartest, and most loving people I have ever met – what a beautiful human being!" And of course, anyone who has spent even a few minutes with Carole can tell you about her love of all things automotive. Well, all the *fast* things, anyway. Lead Instructor Mark Sorlien at Columbia Basin says he and Carole were talking about pickup trucks (if you can imagine) and she asked him, "Do you know what rolling coal means?" (You can ask her yourselves about that!) There is an abundance of testimony about Carole's twin loves of fun and wheels, well captured in Bill Norwill's wistful comment "I miss her great sense of humor and her admiration for fine automobiles." Lead Instructor at Angell, Elizabeth "Tissi" Snelson, credits Carole as being her greatest mentor and sums up Carole's legacy well: "When she would walk into my office, I felt inspired to straighten up my back, stand a little taller – not because I had to, but because I wanted to let her know that the time she spent in the field 'trailblazing' was noted and appreciated. Carole is, and will always be, a calm and powerful warrior for the UBC, the Sisters in the Brotherhood, and the UBC Job Corps."

Shelly Furukawa



Shelly Furukawa is the Office Manager with over three decades of successful experience managing and operating the office at C & H Construction Company, Inc. of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Shelly plays a dynamic role in all aspects of the office operations, which has aided in the overwhelming success of C & H being the longest running small business performing work at the Idaho National Laboratory. She is continually looking to improve the company's efficiencies, processes and most importantly maintaining a positive and safe culture for the employees. Since 1996 Shelly has served on the Southern Idaho Carpenters & Millwrights Carpenters Apprenticeship Committee. Shelly loves to inspire others and is caring toward all she meets. She plays a vital role in the health and well-being of her employees.

BJ Cummings Award

Michael Burch



Native Oregonian, Michael attended kindergarten through eighth grade at Highland Elementary School (now King) and graduated from Benson High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Oregon and also served six years in the Air Force Reserves during the Vietnam era. He spent 20 years working in the nonprofit and alternative school arena. The majority of those years working at Portland YouthBuilders (PYB), an alternative high school that serves low income youth with a mission to help them finish high school, receive training in construction or technology, reduce or eliminate their barriers to success, and get placed in apprenticeships, jobs, or post-secondary education. Since November 2010, Michael has served as a Community Outreach Representative for the Northwest Carpenters Union in the Oregon and

Honorary Service Award

SW Washington region. He is actively involved in educating the community about the opportunities and benefits of a career working in the construction trades as a Carpenter. His target population is low income women and ethnic minorities. This last year, Michael has played a key leadership role on the industry taskforce "Safe From Hate," focused on partnering across the construction community to stop harassment and discrimination on job sites, and reinforce a positive worksite culture. He sits on two Joint Apprenticeship Training committees, and serves as a board member for PYB, All Hands Raised, Constructing Hope and Northwest Workers Justice Project. Michael is looking forward to retiring this summer and spending more time with his family and racing his beloved classic car.

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Gatekeeper QPR Training Suicide Prevention and Awareness

1st class: July 14, 2021

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