

Greater Michigan Mechanical Industry Alliance Report

Special Summer Edition 2010

57th Annual United Association Instructor Training Program



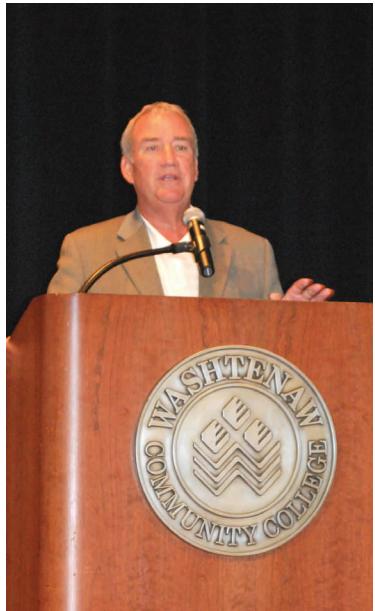
The 57th United Association Instructor Training Program returned to Michigan August 7-13th.

The UA Training Department has been preparing instructors to train new generations of United Association journeymen and women since 1956. When you choose to become a United Association instructor, you are part of a long tradition of excellence in training.

Right—UA General President William Hite

Curriculum was developed that incorporates the latest technological developments within our industry, as well as the fundamentals of training and teaching that are critical to the trade. The UA has 242 locals participating in this year's program with a total of 1,438 student instructors in attendance. There are 223 first time instructors, 36 earning Coordinator Certificates, 21 Associates Degrees from WCC and a total of 156 graduates who will be receiving certificates on Thursday.

New additions to the very impressive training trailers include new Plumbing Service Trailers — the Plumbing Service and Repair Demonstration Trailer and the Plumbing Service and Repair Mobil Classroom Training Trailer. They were located in the front parking lot of the Morris Lawrence Building and received a great deal of attention from instructors and visitors to the program.



Instructional Faculty and Industry Representatives

Registration

Registering for classes, making changes, checking out the maps, picking up books, and most important — checking in with old friends, and making new ones, registration is definitely the busiest day during UA week.



Training Trailers—Learning on Wheels



Medical Gas Training



The Medical Gas Instructor course includes instruction on how to teach the codes and standards that govern correct medical gas and medical-surgical vacuum piping systems installation and testing, requirements for installer qualification, and requirements for brazer qualification in accordance with ASME Section IX.

At the end of the course, a written exam was administered. Students who successfully passed the course and exam, received the certification of a "Medical Gas Instructor of the United Association" issued by NITC—National ITC Corporation.



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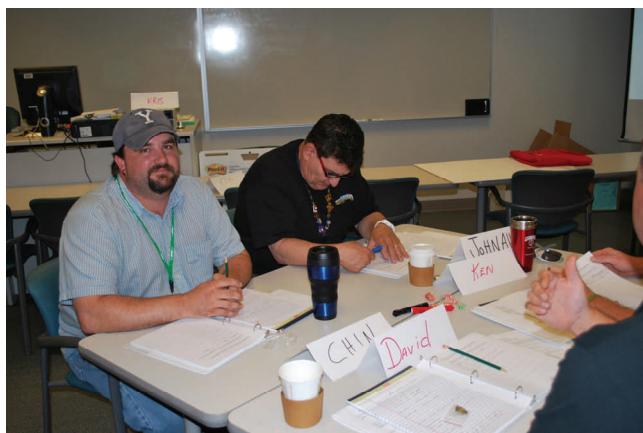


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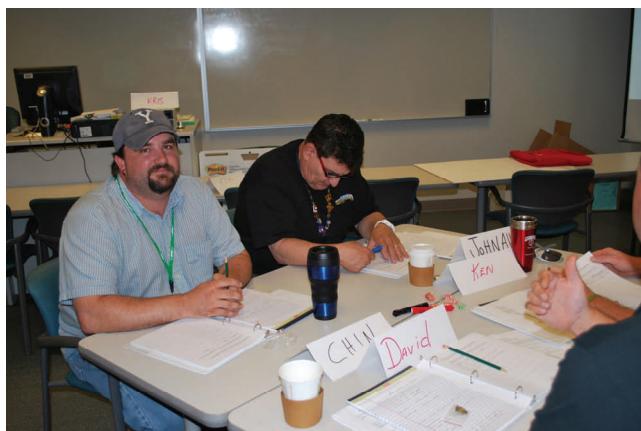


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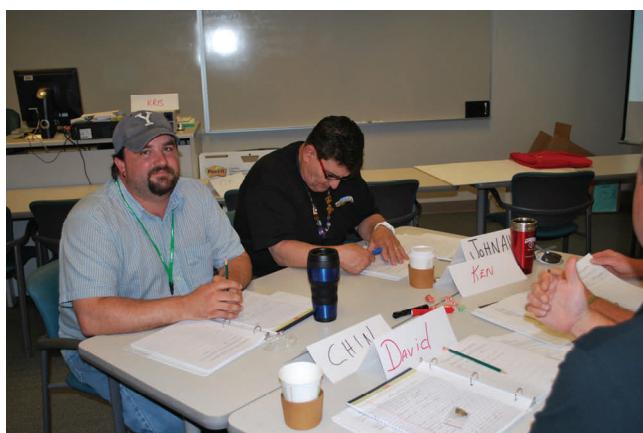


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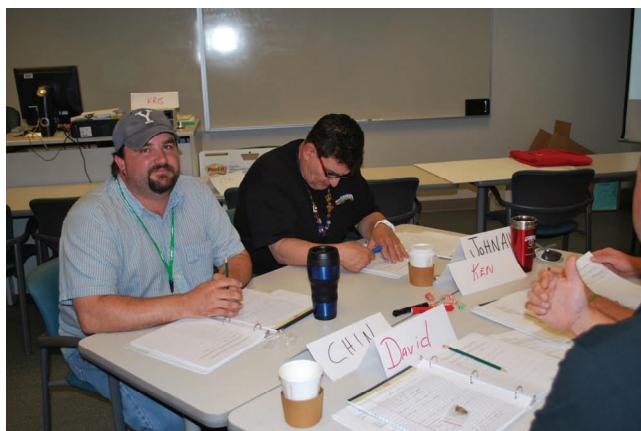


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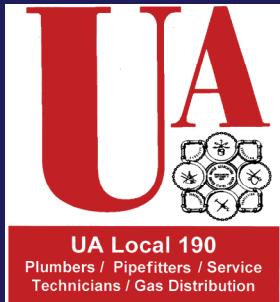
Providing lunch for the those in attendance is always an event.



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Another Successful Program for the UA ITP

What an amazing week this has been. We know with the incredible curriculum of the UA Instructor Training Program that it has definitely been an educational one!

Congratulations to UA General President William Hite on the remarkable program here at WCC.

Congratulations, also, to the UA Training Program. Under the leadership of UA Director of Training Mike Arndt (**pictured right**) this continues to be the most successful program in the construction industry. Also, great job to the UA Training Staff, we applaud the remarkable job that they do.

We hope you have a safe trip home and that we'll see you again next year.

**Bryce Mitchell, Business Manager Sandra Miller, President
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