

Andre Krouse Wins Top Honors at UA International Apprenticeship Competition

FORT WAYNE, IN – August 24, 2024 – Shambaugh and its Family of Excellence is excited to congratulate Andre Krouse who came in first place in the HVAC-R category at the UA International Apprenticeship Competition, held August 10th to the 16th in Ann Arbor, MI.

Andre has been employed by Havel, a division of Shambaugh, since 2021 and is a member of northeast Indiana's Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union 166. This is the first time in the history of the competition that a Local 166 member has claimed first place.

Over 30 apprentices participated in this year's contest, representing five crafts: plumbing, pipefitting, sprinkler fitting, welding, and HVAC-R. Each qualified for their spot through regional competitions across the United States, Canada, and Australia.

Over the course of the week, contestants' skills and knowledge were tested through a series of written exams, hands-on projects, and interviews. The highest scoring apprentice from each trade was recognized with first-place honors.

Our entire organization applauds Andre for his incredible accomplishment. Additionally, we'd like to congratulate our industry collaborators UA Local 166 for this shared milestone.