

# THE LEAD



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## Riley & Keanan are to Compete at the International Apprentice Contest

Riley &  
Keanan  
Move On to the  
**Final  
Round!**



This year the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers' and International Masonry Institutes' International Apprentice Contest will take place September 23-24 in Boston, Massachusetts, at the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center. This contest draws the BAC's top apprentices from the U.S. and Canada to compete for the title of International Champion in each of the BAC's trades: brick, cement, tile, marble, terrazzo, plaster, pointing-cleaning-caulking/restoration, and stone. Local 1 MN/ND/SD is proud to be represented by two of our soon-to-be 2nd-year brick apprentices: Riley Strate and Keanan Carlson. [Read More about Riley & Keanan here!](#)



### ***Fire at the Training Center***

Early the morning of August 4, the Training Center was visited by the West Metro Fire Rescue teams. A slow-burning fire had started in the cleaning closet out in the workshop and filled the entire building with smoke before it set off a sprinkler and ultimately triggered the security alarm. From the way the smoke was escaping from all of the building's doors, the firefighters thought they would be facing a much larger blaze. Thankfully, no one was injured, and the fire damage was minimal; however, smoke and water damage have resulted in a significant clean-and-repair project.

To date, our classrooms are ready for the first day of class later this month, and the workshop preparations are also well underway. The main apprentice entrance at the south of the building will be your primary access point, as the main entrance on the north side is undergoing significant renovations.

We look forward to seeing you all at orientation and to the coming school year!

### ***Introducing New Training Center Staff***

There have been some changes in staff at the Training Center this summer. As many of you may already know, our brick instructor, Matt Hopkins, Sr., has become our Northeast and Southeast Metro Business Agent, Manager of Operations Barry Blazevic has retired, though you may still catch him hanging around on Tuesday mornings, and John Slama has moved into the role of Manager of Operations.

For most of our apprentices, some familiar faces will be assuming full-time instructor roles this school year. Mitchell Reins has become the brick instructor, and Michael Churilla has become the tile instructor. This winter, Craig Lundberg will be back for our PCC block schedule training.

A new face at the Training Center is Rebecca Nohava, our new recruiter and creative logistics, and we'll be introducing another instructor this fall!

Keep an eye out for our new staff biography page coming soon!

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## Important Dates & Upcoming Events

- New School Year Orientation: 1-7 pm, respective dates
  - Brick:
    - 1st Year Brick: Tuesday, September 13, 2022
    - 2nd Year Brick: Wednesday, September 14, 2022
    - 3rd Year Brick: Thursday, September 15, 2022
  - Tile:
    - Finishers, 1st & 2nd Year: September 14, 2022
    - Setters, 1st & 2nd Year: September 15, 2022
- 2022 International Apprentice Contest, with Local 1 apprentices Riley Strate and Keanan Carlson: September 23-24, Boston, MA.
- Upcoming Construct Tomorrow Events:
  - Moorhead: September 29, 2022
  - Eveleth: October 17 & 18
- **ALL TILE APPRENTICES**
  - 1st & 2nd Year Tile Finishers: Combined class October 19
  - 1st & 2nd Year Tile Setters: Combined class October 20