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SERVING THE LOCAL 825 MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

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Honoring achievement, supporting the future

Ten deserving students each awarded \$10,000 to support their college education



Ten families were recognized at this year's scholarship awards dinner, held at the East Brunswick Hilton. Also in attendance were representatives from Rutgers University, who independently evaluated the applications and essays to select the winners. The evening concluded a year of fundraising efforts supported by our members and union partners.

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Seated front row, left to right, are: MaryJane Politi, Olivia Le Blanc, Victoria Fraga, Kelley Crescenzo, Wyatt Haegle. Behind them are: Frances Ryan, James Cooney, Robert Davis, John Rocco, Francesco Pellicano III, Joe Logan, Greg Lalevee, Kadir Muedin, John Wood, Willie Vaccaro.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Dates are subject to change. If changes are made they will be posted to the IUOE825.ORG website.

Note, all district meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

July

4 – Independence Day – UNION HOLIDAY

7 – District 1 Meeting

Elks Lodge 1875
600 Washington Street, Toms River

9 – District 2 Meeting

Embassy Suites
250 Connell Drive, Berkeley Heights

14 – District 3 Meeting

Russian Hall
464 Outwater Lane, Garfield

16 – District 4 Meeting

NY Training Center
96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton, NY

20 – 7th Annual IUOE Local 825 Fishing Trip

905 NJ-35, Belmar

August

No Events

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lavee, Business Manager



Early detection starts at health fairs

When we talk about the value of being a Local 825 member, we often focus on the strength of our work picture, the quality of our training and the reliability of our funds. Rightfully so. But just as important are the services available to us and our families that often go underused. One of those is our health fairs.

These events offer access to biometric screenings, benefits guidance and preventive care that can make a difference in a member's life. I know this because it made a difference in mine.

At 48 years old, a routine screening at a health fair detected prostate cancer. I had no symptoms, no reason to suspect anything was wrong. That screening allowed me to act early and get ahead of it.

That's why I'm encouraging every member, regardless of age or how healthy you feel, to take advantage of these services. High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, cancer, these are things that don't always show up in your day-to-day life until they become something serious. But a simple screening can reveal them before they do.

The economy sends ripples, 825 stays anchored

The broader economy continues to send mixed signals. Energy prices are up. Shipping traffic has slowed, bidding activity is less aggressive, and some are bracing for potential supply chain disruptions.

From Washington to Albany to Trenton, leadership decisions are in flux. Ongoing negotiations could reshape how and when certain work moves forward. While Local 825 remains prepared for a strong season, we also know that delays can occur when developers and agencies adopt a "wait and see" mindset.

What does this mean for our members? Simply put: when the economy is uncertain, work can be uncertain. That's why we continue to monitor conditions closely and maintain strong relationships with key decision-makers.

Despite these headwinds, summer is here and with it comes time to recharge and reconnect. We hope to see you aboard the Miss Belmar for the 7th annual fishing trip on July 20.

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Families gather to celebrate scholarship winners

The results of this year's Local 825 Scholarship Awards are in. These children and grandchildren of our members have each won \$10,000 over four years to help pay their college expenses. Congratulations to our 2025 scholarship winners. In alphabetical order, they are:

Kelley Crescenzo of Hammononton, daughter of Steven Crescenzo, has been awarded an academic scholarship. Kelley will attend Rowan University to major in biochemistry and minor in pre-health studies, with plans to become a dentist in the U.S. Navy.

Victoria Fraga of Woodbridge, daughter of Manuel Fraga, has received the scholarship for Outstanding Student Service. Victoria volunteers with St. James Church and helps host the annual senior olympic games at the Woodbridge YMCA. Victoria will attend NJIT, with plans to study Architecture.

Wyatt Haegle of Doylestown, PA, son of

Robert Haegle, has been awarded an academic scholarship. Wyatt will attend Colorado State University to study Mechanical Engineering with a focus in engine design.

Olivia Hunsinger of Fanwood, daughter of Scott Hunsinger, has received an academic scholarship. Olivia will attend Auburn University with plans to major in marketing.

Olivia Le Blanc of Lincroft, granddaughter of Michael Yencarelli, has been awarded an academic scholarship. She will attend Cedarville University to major in Social Work with minors in Neuropsychology and Biblical Studies.

William "Brady" Livingston of Sandwich, MA, grandson of Michael Patrick Lynch, has received an academic scholarship. Brady will study Aerospace Engineering at Florida Institute of Technology, with the goal of contributing to rocket development.

Kadir Muedin of Fair Lawn, son of Oktay

Muedin, has won an academic scholarship. Kadir will attend Montclair State University to major in Biology and pursue a career in medicine.

MaryJane Politi of Newburgh, granddaughter of William Edmund McDaniel Sr., has received the scholarship for Outstanding Understanding and Appreciation of Unionism and the Labor Movement. She will attend SUNY Cortland to study Psychology and compete in track and cross country.

Francesco Pellicano III of Mahwah, son of Frank Pellicano, has been awarded an academic scholarship. Francesco will attend Villanova University to study Civil Engineering.

Leah Ulmer of Branchburg, granddaughter of the late Thomas Stevenson, has received the scholarship for Outstanding Student Athlete. Leah will attend Fairleigh Dickinson University to study Nursing and play field hockey.



Kelley Crescenzo



Victoria Fraga



Wyatt Haegle



Olivia Hunsinger



Olivia Le Blanc



William "Brady" Livingston



Kadir Muedin



MaryJane Politi



Francesco Pellicano III



Leah Ulmer

Local 825 executive board members and the Rutgers University judges honored and congratulated each winner and their families on June 3 at the Hilton Hotel in East Brunswick.

13th annual Golf Outing delivers sunshine and solid rounds

After a week of steady rain, the skies cleared just in time for the 13th Annual Gambler's Ridge Golf Outing. The course, now under new ownership, was in excellent shape and ready for play.

Members arrived for a picnic-style lunch on the lawn, with sandwiches and refreshments served ahead of the 1:00 p.m. tee-off. Members, families and friends came together in foursomes for a full afternoon of friendly competition and time well spent with fellow

Operating Engineers.

"It was a perfect day from start to finish," said Willie Vaccaro, who organizes the event each year. "The turnout was strong, we sold all of our tickets and the weather held up. Most important, the proceeds benefit the Local 825 Scholarship Fund—so it's a good time for a great cause."

The day wrapped up with a prime rib dinner that couldn't be beat. Thanks to everyone who made it another successful event.



New programs, equipment, partnerships and apprentices

Local 825's Training Center continues to evolve to meet the needs of our industry. Here's a look at what's new and what's next on the ground in Dayton & NY.

Specialty training in full swing

Our apprentices are gaining hands-on experience with a range of specialized equipment and techniques. Current specialty training includes:

- Prentice Log Truck
- Dingo-Style Loader
- Guardrail Pounder
- Micro Pile Drill
- Bauer Drill
- Air Track Drill
- Pipe Fusion Machine
- Hydrostatic Pipe Testing

Investing in the fleet

Local 825 has invested \$758,000 in new equipment this year. Recent purchases include a Wirtgen Milling Machine, two Hamm Asphalt Rollers, a Caterpillar Dirt Roller and a Caterpillar Skid Steer. Two rental units, a Komatsu Loader and Caterpillar Excavator, are being



This spring, the Epiroc Drill Rig was stationed at the New York Training Center, where Instructors Terrence O'Brien Jr. and Bucky Rocco led hands-on training sessions. The drill is used to bore holes for solar array foundations. Members trained on the rig are gaining the skills and certifications needed to operate it safely and effectively in the field.



Hamm asphalt roller

acquired for permanent placement in the fleet. The Komatsu Loader, one of the Hamm Rollers and a Caterpillar Excavator – will be stationed at the New York Training Center. The rest of the machines are currently in Dayton.

O'Brien steps up as NY Site Coordinator

Terrence O'Brien is the new Site Coordinator at the New York Training Center. A seasoned instructor and experienced operator, O'Brien brings field experience and training expertise to the role. Best wishes to Craig Boyd in retirement after years of dedicated service and leadership.

GWO training expands

The footings are set for the new GWO Re-pel Tower. Assembly will begin in the coming weeks. This is a key part of expanding our Global Wind Organization training capabilities. Work is under way with Energizing Futures LLC to finalize the GWO classroom training curric-

TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

www.facebook.com/iuoe825Training

NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

(732) 798-2170 (All classes start at 7 a.m. unless noted otherwise)

NEW YORK TRAINING CENTER

(845) 673-3154

(Classes are scheduled on request and start at 7 a.m. unless otherwise noted.)

Please contact the New York Training Center to put your name on the list for a class or certification you need. Once we have enough names for a class, members will be notified.

8-HOUR HAZMAT REFRESHER

Sat., July 26

Sat., Aug. 16

CRANE STANDARDS & LOAD CHART REVIEW

Sat., July 12

Sat., July 19

Sat., July 26

OSHA 10, MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS,

TEST DATE TBA

Sat., July 12

Sat., July 19

SIGNAL PERSON CLASS

Sat., Aug. 2

RIGGER CLASS

Sat., Aug. 9



Terrence O'Brien

ulum. Their team will visit the Training Center in June to audit the train-the-trainer program.

Welcome new apprentices

Local 825 has signed agreements with both Hunterdon County Polytech and Ocean County Vocational Technical School. Beginning this July, the top five students from each program will join our apprentice program annually, pro-

viding a steady stream of well-prepared future members.

Morton Steel Building moves forward

Final site plans for the new Morton Steel Building are in development and will be submitted to the township for approval in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for updates.

Career Day

IUOE Local 825 took part in this year's Construction Industry Career Day at the NJ Convention & Expo Center in Edison. The two-day event drew more than 2,000 attendees and gave students, educators and career seekers a hands-on look at careers in the skilled trades.

Local 825 was well represented, with Chris Szpila, Matt Walker, Pat Muscatell and apprentice Kyle at the booth, while Training Center Instructors Vic Grigoriew and Bobby Lane operated the crane simulator outside.



Members turn out for health fairs

Local 825 members turned out for health fairs in Springfield and Dayton, where representatives from Funds, MAP and several providers were on hand to share important resources. The events also included food, raffles and prize giveaways.

Plenty to gain—no needle required

While health fairs offer optional biometric screenings, they are not blood drives. These screenings involve a small blood sample to check vital health markers like cholesterol and glucose levels—not blood donation.

Even if you choose to skip the screening, members are encouraged to attend for the other services, resources and information available.

Welcome guardian nurse Michelle

The event also introduced members to Michelle Agnese, our newest Guardian Nurse Mobile Care Coordinator. Michelle provides confidential, one-on-one support to members and their families as they navigate health challenges. Members are encouraged to reach out when they need help with appointments, diagnoses and care coordination.



Michelle Agnese

“Our Infrastructure Matters” program wins Hermes Gold award

The Engineers Labor-Employer Cooperative (ELEC 825) has been honored with a prestigious Hermes Creative Gold Award for its



television program, *Our Infrastructure Matters*. This recognition from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals celebrates the program’s excellence in educational and public affairs broadcasting.

Our Infrastructure Matters is a series that

continued investment and maintenance.

Mark Longo, Director of ELEC 825, stated, “We are honored to receive this recognition for our organization’s collective efforts in creating the program. Infrastructure impacts our everyday lives and we felt it critical to high-



Watch Here

light how that happens behind the scenes.”

ELEC is committed to advocating for robust infrastructure development. By educating the public and stakeholders through initiatives like *Our Infrastructure Matters*, ELEC 825 continues to play a vital role in shaping the future of New Jersey’s infrastructure landscape.



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BETTER BUILDING BEGINS HERE

Operators upgrade Newark's busiest runway



Crisdel and IUOE Local 825 were instrumental in the early reopening of Runway 4L-22R at Newark Liberty International Airport, completing the \$121 million rehabilitation 13 days ahead of the planned 60-day schedule. The timeline was accelerated by adding crews, extending shifts, and maintaining a 24/7 construction schedule.

"I commend the crews who have worked

tirelessly to get this critical project done ahead of schedule," said Governor Phil Murphy. The early completion helped ease the widespread flight delays and cancellations that had impacted the airport throughout the closure.

Work included milling and repaving the runway, upgrading lighting and drainage systems, and installing new underground

electrical infrastructure. This brought the runway up to the latest FAA safety and design standards.

Correction from the last issue

Our previous issue included an error in the coverage of the Women's Committee. Below is the correct story:

This spring, members of Local 825's Women's Committee attended the WILD Conference (Women in Leadership Development), hosted by AFL-CIO Secretary Laurel Brennan. The statewide event brought union members together for workshops and conversations on jobsite equity and leadership.

Local 825 was proud to take part and help advance a stronger, more inclusive labor movement.