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**Construction apprentices earn top honors at local craft competition**

November 13, 2015 (Livermore, CA) – On Saturday, November 7, 2015, Associated Builders and Contractors Northern California (ABC NorCal) held its annual Craft Competition to determine who would represent Northern California at the ABC National Craft Championships (NCC) in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in 2016.

Seven talented ABC NorCal apprentices participated in the grueling six-hour, blueprint-to-final-product, trade specific skills test; two competed in carpentry and five competed in electrical. Local construction professionals judged the final projects and determined who would go on to the national competition.

“The level of skill demonstrated by our competitors is impressive,” said ABC NorCal Electrical Instructor, Jim Kash. “They represent the future of our industry and set the bar high when it comes to safety, quality and creativity.”

ABC NorCal’s state and federally approved apprenticeship programs train more than 300 individuals annually in five trades: carpentry, construction craft laborer, electrical, painting and plumbing.

“We are proud to invest in the growth and development of the next generation of skilled construction professionals,” said ABC NorCal President & CEO, Michele Daugherty. “The future of our industry depends on our ability to attract and retain talented individuals. These types of competitions recognize outstanding achievement at every career level and promote life-long learning.”

Congratulations to the 2015 ABC NorCal Craft Competitors & Winners:

Jacob Hagan, Flint Builders, Carpentry  
Miguel Villa, Timberworks, Inc., Carpentry  
Nathan Juarez, Bergelectric Corp., Electrical *Winner*  
Seth Lewis, Celestial Technologies, Electrical  
Varun Ram, Bergelectric Corp., Electrical *Winner*  
Rudy Sanchez, Bergelectric Corp., Electrical  
Sean Zeigler, Delta Electrical Construction, Inc., Electrical

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**About ABC NorCal**

ABC Northern California Chapter (ABC NorCal) is a trade association founded on the merit shop philosophy and dedicated to serving construction professionals from Fresno to the Oregon border. Our mission: To promote free enterprise by advancing the merit shop philosophy in the construction industry through education, advocacy and business services. To learn more visit [www.abcnorcal.org](http://www.abcnorcal.org).

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