



## ADVISORY

### **Rhode Island Celebrates National Apprenticeship Week, November 15-19, 2021**

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Rhode Island will celebrate National Apprenticeship week with a series of events that highlight the transformations and expansions in the Registered Apprenticeship system to date and outline the road ahead. DLT was recently awarded \$4M federal State Apprenticeship Expansion Equity and Innovation (SAEEI) Grant for its Apprenticeship FORWARD project that will modernize and expand Registered Apprenticeship Programs and increase the diversity of programs and participants. The SAEEI funds will continue the highly successful Apprenticeship Rhode Island partnership between DLT and Building Futures.

Registered Apprenticeship has a unique role to play in economic recovery, providing an earn while you learn opportunity for Rhode Islanders and a proven talent development and retention strategy for employers. In 2017, Building Futures launched Apprenticeship Rhode Island, in partnership with DLT, to expand the use of Registered Apprenticeship in high-growth industries across the state with the following results:

- 38 new (non-construction) occupations now have Registered Apprenticeships
- 42 Registered Apprenticeship programs have launched with 100+ employers
- 1571 new apprentices are earning while learning in private industry statewide
- 45% of apprentices across all industries are from underrepresented populations

### **Rhode Island Apprenticeship Week Events:**

#### **Tuesday, November 16, 2021**

**9:00-9:30 am**

**Building Futures, 1 Acorn Street, Providence, RI  
Governor McKee**

Governor McKee to sign a proclamation declaring the week Rhode Island Apprenticeship Week with Building Futures' construction pre-apprenticeship class.

Visuals: Construction Training participants, Training space facility tour available

#### **Wednesday, November 17, 2021**

**11:30 am-12:30 pm**

**RI State House, Room 313**

**Senate President Ruggiero**

Senate President Ruggiero to host a press conference and educational event with the RI Senate to highlight the accomplishments of Registered Apprenticeship expansion and discuss the road ahead. Invited

speakers are Andrew Cortés, Executive Director, Building Futures; Michael Sabitoni, President, RI Building and Construction Trades Council; Shannon Brawley, Executive Director, RI Nursery & Landscape Association; and Dulari Tahbildar, Rhode Island Director, SEIU Education & Support Fund. Building Futures will release a 2021 National Apprenticeship Week report at the event.

Visuals: Poster boards with pictures and data, print report.

**Friday, November 19, 2021**

**9:30-10:00 am**

**Building Futures, 1 Acorn Street, Providence RI, 02903**

Congressional Delegation members to address Building Futures' construction pre-apprenticeship participants on their graduation day highlighting how infrastructure investments can make lasting brick and mortar improvements and create life-changing career opportunities for low-income Rhode Island residents.

*Additionally, outreach and education events will be held throughout the week, including:*

- Information session at the MET high school for students interested in a career in the trades
- Recognizing DLT certification of the quality pre-apprenticeship program operated by the NE Laborers' Public Charter School in Cranston, Wednesday, 10:00 am, 4 Sharpe Drive, Cranston, RI, 02920
- Outreach about Registered Apprenticeship opportunities at the Center for Southeast Asians' Cultural Food Giveaway and Job Fair, 11/17, 11:30 am, 270 Elmwood Ave., Providence, RI 02907
- Kick-off meeting of the Apprenticeship Utilization Program at upcoming construction at Newport's Rogers High School
- Presentation to Providence Career and Technical Academy students on Registered Apprenticeship opportunities
- IBEW Local 99 will extend the application period in honor of National Apprenticeship Week, accepting applications to become an electrician apprentice Monday- Friday (11/15-11/19) 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, 40 Western Industrial Drive, Cranston, Rhode Island 02921
- We Make RI advanced manufacturing career fair Thursday, 11/18, 1:00 pm: We Make RI advanced manufacturing career fair for job seekers looking for entry level positions and apprenticeships. 200 1st Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02910
- Building Futures' Board of Directors meeting on the future of Registered Apprenticeship in Rhode Island
- RI Building & Construction Trades Council meeting on the expansion of Registered Apprenticeship program utilization on current construction projects
- Presentation to the RIDE Counseling Professional Development Session on Registered Apprenticeship opportunities for young adults
- Strategic Discussion: Exploring how Registered Apprenticeship can address the shortage of public school teachers with the RI AFL-CIO
- Strategic Discussion: Addressing Opioid Use Disorder via Registered Apprenticeship
- Strategic Discussions: Exploring how Registered Apprenticeship can address the workforce development needs of the formerly incarcerated

More information about local and national events can be found at <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/national-apprenticeship-week>.