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## **Wayne J. Griffin Electric hosts 16th annual Apprentice Competition**

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Holliston, MA Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc. (Griffin Electric), a leading area electrical subcontractor, recently held its 16th annual Apprentice Competition at the company's headquarters, in addition to its four regional offices in Pelham, AL, Duluth, GA, Charlotte, NC and Durham, NC.

Over 350 apprentices were separated into teams and competed in varying events in order to test their electrical skills and knowledge. Skills challenges included pipe bending; branch circuit wiring; and low voltage links. Knowledge-based events tested apprentices' know-how on the pricing of construction tools and materials; electrical, code and safety questions; and industry-based survey questions, all mirrored to popular gameshow formats. Students were also provided with the opportunity to learn about new and proven products from vendors such as Milwaukee, Klein and Caddy, with the option to purchase tools onsite.

Each challenge was scored and tallied for final scores of the day, with prizes and medals given out to the three highest-ranking teams. Every participant in the competition received a commemorative event t-shirt and a \$25 Home Depot gift card, in celebration of Griffin Electric's 25th Year of Sponsoring an In-House Apprenticeship Program.

Area dignitaries were invited to join the festivities, with guests in attendance from the New Hampshire Office of Apprenticeship, Massachusetts Division of Apprentice Standards and New Hampshire Electricians' Board.

Each spring, Griffin Electric hosts this competition to test skills and build camaraderie with its students, plus celebrate the hard work that apprentices, instructors and coordinators dedicate to the Griffin Electric Apprenticeship Training Program. Griffin's in-house educational program has been extremely instrumental in providing students with the necessary skills and knowledge to achieve their journeyman licensure and to elevate their competencies within the electrical trade.

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