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## **DECCO dedicates Barton Center for Craft Excellence**

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Tim Barton

Brookline, NH DECCO, Inc.'s Center for Craft Excellence was dedicated in memory of partner, Tim Barton, who passed away unexpectedly on June 27th. Barton was a member of DECCO's board of directors and executive vice president responsible for recruiting, retention, and training for the company's workforce.

The Tim Barton Center for Craft Excellence provides space for the advancement of the craft, the further development of individuals who wish to pursue a career in construction offering an apprentice program and experiential learning opportunities. Tim was an advocate for merit shop construction and training in New England having mentored many in the construction industry. Under Barton's direction, DECCO's federally registered apprentice program for pipefitting and plumbing has received national accolades and produced nine Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) National Craft Champions and 14 local Massachusetts Craft Champions.

Over the past 15 years, more than 100 team members have participated in DECCO's apprentice program with 100% of the team members becoming licensed in their respective trade.

"Under Tim's leadership, DECCO has been recognized as a leader focused on promoting, educating and mentoring the next generation within the building trades," notes Kyle Reagan, CEO, DECCO, Inc. "There was no question that our Craft Training Center should be renamed to honor Tim's legacy and the continued promotion of careers in the construction trades."

Tim facilitated a relationship on behalf of DECCO's apprenticeship program with MY TURN a Manchester, New Hampshire youth services organization with a mission to help youth develop goals, skills and confidence to support transition into post-secondary education or training and the world of work. The ABC New Hampshire/Vermont Chapter Young Professional's Group (YPG) donated \$1,000 in honor of Tim to continue his legacy with MY TURN with all donations in Barton's name to be given as a scholarship.

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