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National Apprenticeship Week

Electro-mechanical technicians. Transit coach operators. Wiremen and electricians. Secretary Tom Perez writes about the apprentices he met in Cleveland as he kicked off [National Apprenticeship Week](#), and why apprenticeship is a proven strategy for recruiting, training and retaining a skilled and diverse workforce.

Creating career opportunities

A unique school in the District of Columbia — Phelps Architecture, Construction and Engineering High School — offers college preparatory and vocational education dedicated to design professions and construction trades. Deputy Secretary of Labor Chris Lu writes about his visit to the school, which was hosting a joint college/career fair that showcased a variety of [career opportunities, including apprenticeships](#).

Salute to Veterans

The department's annual Salute to Veterans, our kick off for Veterans Day activities, focused on disabled veterans in the nation's workforce, in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. At left, Timothy Kirkendall Jr. of the Paralyzed Veterans of America joins in the Salute prior to [keynote remarks](#) by Secretary of Labor Perez.

Sign up for health insurance

17.6 million have already gained health insurance coverage. Open Enrollment has just begun, but it won't last long! Check out www.healthcare.gov today to find an affordable plan that fits your lifestyle and [#GetCovered!](#)

Blog Highlights

The skilled crafts

Skilled apprenticeship programs offer the resources to help Americans achieve and retain careers in construction.

Molding young workers

With its innovative approach, Apprenticeship Carolina provides students with opportunities for success.

Women in apprenticeship

Lisa left med school for a sheet metal apprenticeship. And apprenticeship works for her.

National News

- Rule to update apprenticeship programs
- Ohio steelmaker cited in serious injury
- Suit filed to protect employee benefit plan
- N.D. roofing contractor faulted on safety
- New Orleans market to pay \$403K in back wages
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DOL in Action

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- Commemorating Mine Rescue Day
- Protecting workers from falls
- Championing paid leave for families
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Hands-on learning

For three 20-somethings in Illinois, an apprenticeship in machining is giving them a chance at the American Dream: education, a good-paying job with a future and home ownership.

[Read their stories.](#)

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