

## Apprenticeship Ambassador

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# WESTCAL ACADEMY®

## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, WestCal Academy® is a United States Department of Labor (USDOL) recognized Apprenticeship Ambassador and United States Department of War (DOW) SkillBridge Partner nonprofit headquartered in California with multiple satellite locations throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, WestCal Academy® runs multiple programs with USDOL, including the first and only WestCal Academy® Career Technical Education (CTE) program for all occupations and employers; and

**WHEREAS**, WestCal Academy® owns and operates the Make Education Great Again® (MEGA®) Career Pathway Program that promotes apprenticeship pathways as the best way for people to secure a thriving career; and

**WHEREAS**, WestCal Academy® is the first federally recognized apprenticeship program that provides training for all aspects of the cannabis industry that includes medicinal, recreation, industrial cannabis, and hemp production; and

**WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Week annually raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in meeting critical industry workforce demands. Registered Apprenticeship programs develop the highly skilled workforce that employers need and create pathways for Americans to catapult into in-demand, high-paying careers; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Apprenticeship programs are industry-driven, high-quality career pathways that enable employers to develop and train their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience with a mentor, receive progressive wage increases, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally recognized credential; and

**WHEREAS**, WestCal Academy® recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain a highly skilled workforce that is capable of meeting the current and future demands of the industry we serve and fortifying our economy in all fifty-nine (59) states and territories of the United States economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that WestCal Academy® hereby proclaims the week of April 26, 2026 through May 2, 2026 as National Apprenticeship Week, and calls upon all WestCal Academy® faculty, staff, pre-apprentices, apprentices, and employer collaborators to recognize, celebrate, and promote apprenticeship as the unsurpassed pathway to thriving careers.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the MEGA® Career Pathway Program will continue promote apprenticeships as the most effective way to Make Education Great Again®!

IN SOLIDARITY,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Paul Tabakian'.

John Paul Tabakian, Ed.D.  
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