

National
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National Apprenticeship Week

2026

America at Work:
Making America Skilled
Again through Registered
Apprenticeship

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EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Message from the Acting Secretary



Thank you for participating in the record-breaking 12th annual National Apprenticeship Week! This year was the first time National Apprenticeship Week was held in the spring, and we loved to see all the apprentice graduation ceremonies, training facility tours, panel discussions, webinars, and social media posts to celebrate Registered Apprenticeship.

This year's theme, **America at Work: Making America Skilled Again through Registered Apprenticeship**, reflected Registered Apprenticeship's prominence as a key strategy to ensure the American worker is equipped for the skilled jobs of today and tomorrow. As the nation celebrates its 250th year, the highest total of NAW activities ever recorded were taking place around the country to showcase the success and value of Registered Apprenticeship in developing a highly skilled and future-ready workforce.

NAW 2026 featured over 3,064 apprenticeship activities (**1,998 events** and **1,066 proclamations**) in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Federated States of Micronesia, and all five U.S. territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), bringing together more than **671,000 people** across America to celebrate Registered Apprenticeship!

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the numerous National Apprenticeship Week event hosts, speakers, participants, and those who issued proclamations this year. I am truly amazed by the passion and enthusiasm demonstrated across the nation for Registered Apprenticeship. I'm excited to share the National Apprenticeship Week 2026 Report with our national apprenticeship system partners. I invite you to read the report and learn more about this year's record-breaking events and activities.

We look forward to celebrating with you again next year! **NAW 2027 is scheduled for April 25 – May 1, 2027**, and we encourage you start planning your NAW activities now!

Sincerely,

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KEITH SONDERLING, Acting Secretary of Labor

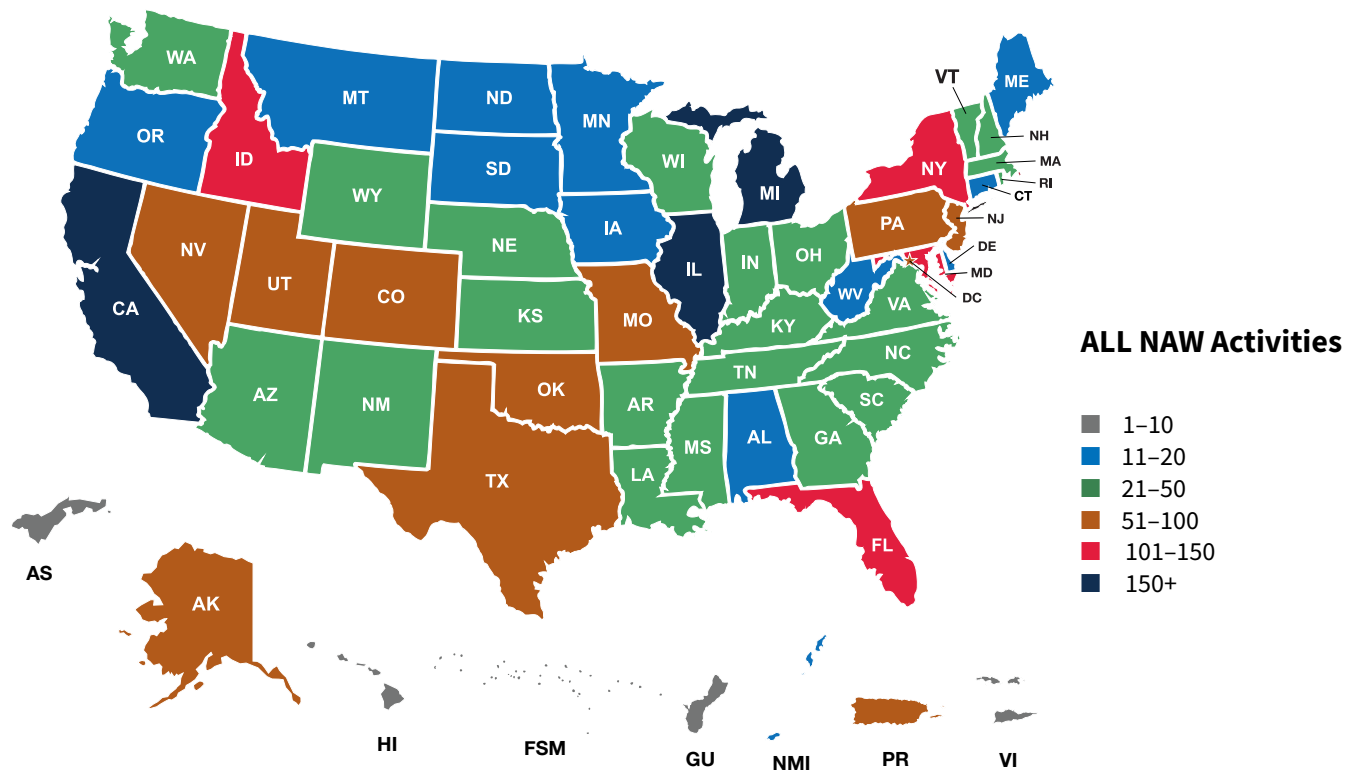
National Apprenticeship Week 2026: By the Numbers

During this year's National Apprenticeship Week (April 26 – May 2, 2026), more than 3,000 Registered Apprenticeship activities took place to celebrate the power of Registered Apprenticeship. ApprenticeshipUSA partners joined together to showcase and promote high-quality, in-demand career pathway opportunities through Registered Apprenticeship. Activities shined the spotlight on Registered Apprenticeship through both the issuing of proclamations and the planning and execution of events such as graduations, signing ceremonies, roundtables, open houses, career fairs, skills competitions, social media-related campaigns, webinars and livestreams, and more. Over 671,000 individuals participated in NAW activities during 2026.

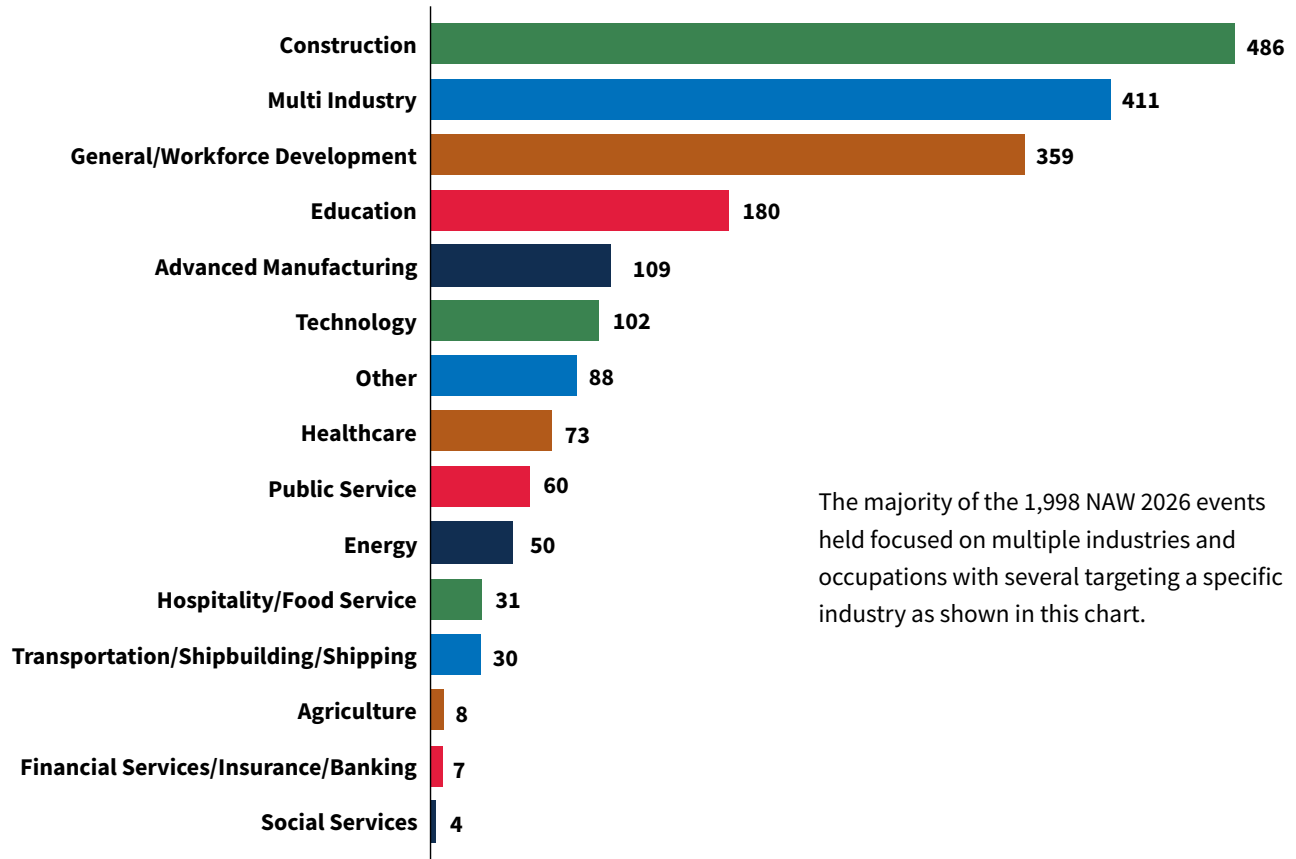
Total 2026 Activities



Activity Across the U.S. States and Territories



Occupations and Industries

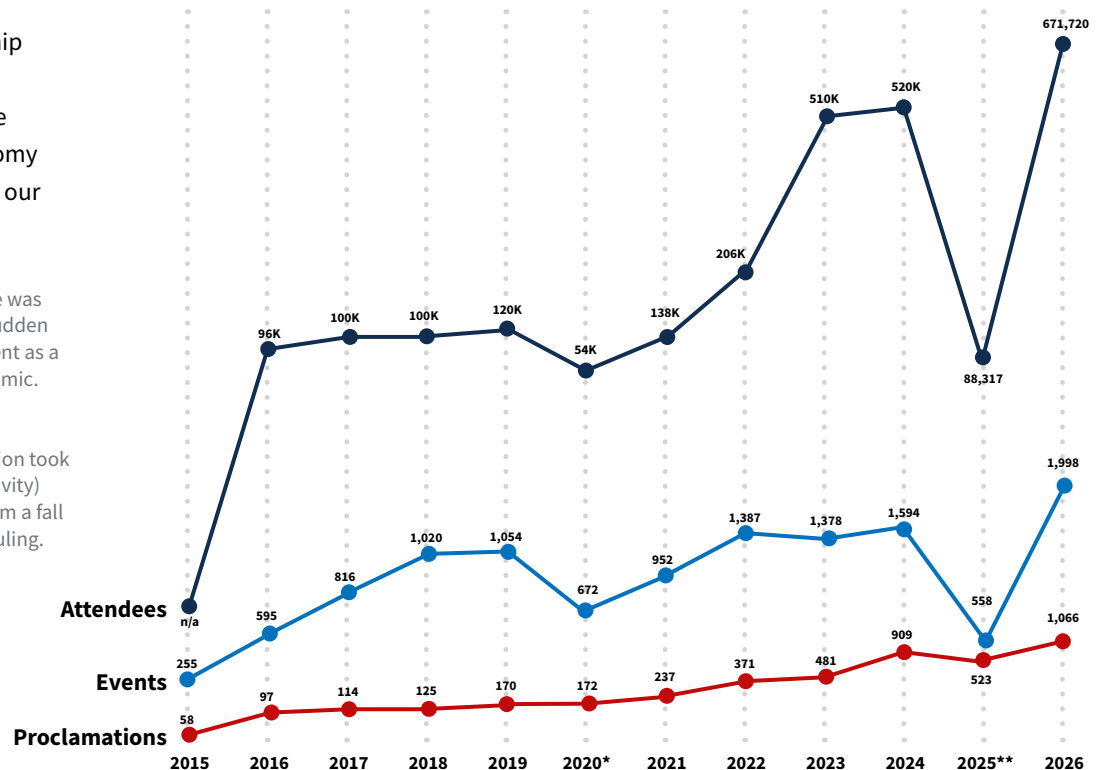


12 Years of National Apprenticeship Week Success!

Registered Apprenticeship has been and continues to be a critical tool in the growth of the U.S. economy and the development of our workforce.

*2020 NAW event attendance was under-reported due to the sudden increase of virtual engagement as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**For 2025, a single National Apprenticeship Day recognition took place (rather a weeklong activity) as a step to the transition from a fall week to a spring NAW scheduling.



Leadership in Action

NAW 2026 was the biggest celebration yet. Leaders from all levels of government and representatives from the wide range of partners that make up the National Apprenticeship System joined with DOL's Office of Apprenticeship (OA) to hold webinars, signing ceremonies, graduations, career fairs, and other exciting events to mark 12 years of NAW, and amplify the transformative power of Registered Apprenticeship.

In addition to the over-arching NAW theme of **America at Work: Making America Skilled Again through Registered Apprenticeship**, there were five themed days during the week.

- **Monday, April 27:** Registered Apprenticeships Building America at 250
- **Tuesday, April 28:** Registered Apprenticeship Drives Growth and Innovation Across Critical Industries
- **Wednesday, April 29:** Expanding Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Registered Apprenticeship
- **Thursday, April 30:** Realigning Education and Workforce Systems Around Registered Apprenticeship
- **Friday, May 1:** Youth Pathways to Registered Apprenticeship

Activity and Event Highlights



BRIEFINGS & STATEMENTS

Presidential Message on National Apprenticeship Week

The White House | April 27, 2026

“By bolstering apprenticeship opportunities, we are preparing American workers with the skills they need to succeed in industries vital to our economic success, including in construction, manufacturing, energy, and emerging technological fields.”

President Donald Trump



Acting Secretary of Labor Keith Sonderling kicked off this year's celebration with a welcome video highlighting the thousands of events taking place nationwide and the power of Registered Apprenticeships to equip Americans with skills for in-demand jobs. The Department also issued a [news release](#) encouraging participation across the country.

President Trump issued a [Presidential Message](#) on National Apprenticeship Week for 2026 that emphasized how Registered Apprenticeship programs empower Americans in skilled trades, unleash the full might and potential of America's workforce, and contribute to our enduring prosperity. The message called out this Administration's steadfast resolve to build a future defined by opportunity, innovation, and strength, where every citizen has the tools to succeed and our workforce remains the strongest and brightest in the world.

DOL Marquee National Apprenticeship Week 2026 Events

Monday: Registered Apprenticeships Building America at 250

NAW Kickoff Event: National Signing Day Ceremony

DOL kicked off the 12th Annual National Apprenticeship Week with a large [National Signing Day Ceremony](#) to publicly recognize and celebrate the commitment to building skilled talent pipelines through Registered Apprenticeship demonstrated by a group of major employers. The employers were representative of multiple industry sectors: U.S. Department of War (public service), Amcor Global Rigid Packaging Solutions, Inc. (advanced manufacturing), AstraZeneca (healthcare-pharmaceuticals), and Job Forward (technology), joined by partners IBM (technology) and M&T Bank (finance). By spotlighting these new partners, the event was designed to inspire additional employers and agencies to adopt Registered Apprenticeship as a proven strategy that equips workers with the skills needed to thrive in high-demand fields that are critical for the nation's economic and national security.

➔ DOL leadership, including then-Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Henry Mack and Acting OA Administrator Megan Baird, joined Alex Burton, Workforce Development Manager, Justin Cook, Workforce Development Director, and Jill Kosirog, Human Resources Director, all from Amcor Global Rigid Packaging Solutions, Inc. for a signing ceremony in recognition of National Signing Day.



➔ Marci McCarthy (far right), Director of External Engagement for the Office of the Chief Information Officer at the U.S. Department of War (DOW), signed new Cyber Defense Standards for the DOW with DOL leaders. From left to right: Acting OA Administrator Megan Baird, then-Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Henry Mack, and Acting Secretary Keith Sonderling.



↑ AstraZeneca apprentice Stephanie Horqque shared her Registered Apprenticeship journey, and the opportunities it's created for her.



↑ Representatives from AstraZeneca signed new program standards adding the occupations of Manufacturing Operator, Automation & Controls Technician, Maintenance Technician, Quality Control Technician, and Laboratory Scientist at DOL's National Signing Day Ceremony.



↑ Acting Secretary Keith Sonderling; guest speaker Marci McCarthy, Director of External Engagement for the Office of the Chief Information Officer at the U.S. Department of War; Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Marek Laco; Acting OA Administrator Megan Baird posed for a photo with DOL staff and event attendees at the National Signing Day Ceremony.



↑ Matt McKenney, CEO of JobForward, and partners from M&T Bank and IBM signed new JobForward standards that included the technology occupations of Application Developer and Mainframe Administrator.



← Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Marek Laco provided closing remarks for DOL's National Signing Day Ceremony.

Tuesday: Registered Apprenticeship Drives Growth and Innovation

Industry Association Registered Apprenticeship Accelerator

On Tuesday, DOL convened a cross-section of industry association leaders – from advanced manufacturing to healthcare technology – to highlight the importance of industry associations in expanding effective Registered Apprenticeships. A panel discussion was held with representatives from leading industry associations that sponsor Registered Apprenticeships and are successfully scaling it in their respective industries. This was followed by a roundtable discussion where all attendees explored how Registered Apprenticeship benefits their members, adapts to technological changes, and helps grow talent for their entire industry.

➡ Acting Administrator for OA Megan Baird (far left) facilitated a panel discussion with representatives from various industry associations sponsors to discuss how they're scaling Registered Apprenticeship programs across their respective industry sector to drive growth and meet critical industry needs.



← Attendees at DOL's Industry Association Registered Apprenticeship Accelerator posed for a photo with DOL staff outside the Frances Perkins Building in Washington, D.C.

Wednesday: Expanding AI in Registered Apprenticeship

Building the AI-Ready Workforce through Registered Apprenticeship

For the third day of NAW 2026, the Department hosted a hybrid event at the DOL Francis Perkins Building to showcase how DOL is working with industry partners to accelerate innovation and Make America AI-Ready through Registered Apprenticeship. As part of this event, DOL [announced](#) the launch of its AI in Registered Apprenticeship Innovation Portal, a one-stop resource for organizations looking to build artificial intelligence literacy and develop AI-focused Registered Apprenticeship programs. The website provides practical tools and actionable guidance to help organizations integrate artificial intelligence skills into Registered Apprenticeship programs through skill-building resources, industry-specific training, and flexible program pathways.



← Nina Ong (far right), Global Apprenticeship Lead at Google.org, provided comments during a panel discussion about how Registered Apprenticeship is helping employers increase AI literacy across their organizations and equip them with a highly skilled workforce. Other panelists pictured include: Taylor Stockton, DOL Chief Innovation Officer, Bertina Ceccarelli, CEO, NPower, Todd Cohen, Senior Manager of Strategic Workforce Initiatives, Lockheed Martin, and Perry Gibbs, Technical Manager, BuildWithin.

→ Acting Secretary Keith Sonderling provided remarks during DOL's event, Building the AI-Ready Workforce through Registered Apprenticeship. He encouraged all Registered Apprenticeship system stakeholders to visit the new AI in Registered Apprenticeship portal and take advantage of practical tools and actionable guidance to help organizations integrate artificial intelligence skills into Registered Apprenticeship programs.



Thursday: Realigning Education and Workforce Systems Around Registered Apprenticeship

Building Pathways to Degree-Connected Apprenticeships

The U.S. Departments of Labor and Education hosted an [April 30 discussion](#) with community college, university, and workforce development leaders to spotlight and accelerate the expansion of degree-connected Registered Apprenticeships across the country. Remarks shared with attendees underscored degree-connected Registered Apprenticeships as earn-and-learn pathways that can deliver postsecondary credentials and credits while also meeting employer demand.

→ Attendees at DOL's Building Pathways to Degree-Connected Apprenticeships event participated in a roundtable discussion with then-DOL Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Henry Mack, Under Secretary from the U.S. Department of Education Nicholas Kent, and then-Acting Assistant Secretary of the Department of Education's Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education Nick Moore. Deputy Administrator for OA Cierra Mitchell (third from right seated at table) provided comments during the event.



← Also on Thursday, Acting Administrator for OA Megan Baird spoke as part of “[Apprenticeship Works](#),” a regional summit highlighting how Registered Apprenticeships are helping address workforce shortages and prepare the next generation of skilled workers across the Tampa Bay, Florida region. The event was sponsored by four regional workforce development board - CareerSource Suncoast, CareerSource Tampa Bay, CareerSource Pasco Hernando, and CareerSource Polk - working collaboratively with workforce partners to expand registered apprenticeship opportunities across Florida and strengthen the region's workforce pipeline.

Friday: Youth Pathways to Registered Apprenticeship

Future Ready Apprenticeship Center – State Launch Event

On May 1, the [Future Ready Apprenticeship Center](#) officially launched, naming the 10 states selected to lead the effort and kicking off Apprenticeship America – a national movement to unlock the full power of America’s workforce and drive the race to one million apprentices. Participating states, selected via a competitive process, include: Alabama, Arizona, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia. The Future Ready Apprenticeship Center is an initiative funded through a cooperative agreement between DOL and the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, which has partnered with CareerWise to support project implementation.

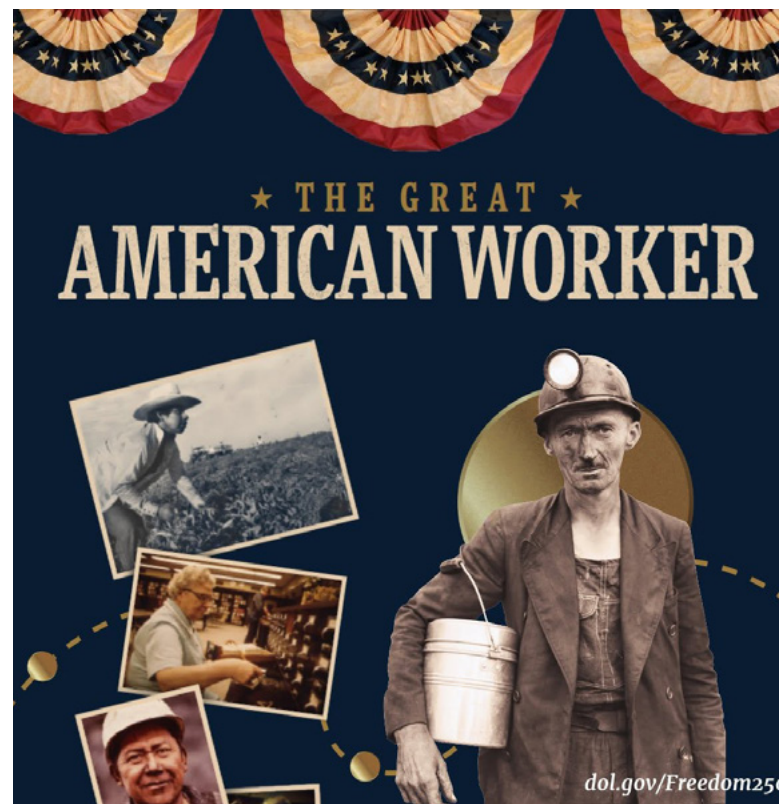


← Acting Administrator for OA Megan Baird provided remarks as part of the webinar launch of the Future Ready Apprenticeship Center.

↓ As our nation celebrated 250 since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, DOL [continues to recognize](#) all of the skilled workers that have helped build our nation’s economy to what it is today.

Spotlight on Registered Apprenticeship Industries

National Apprenticeship Week 2026 provided the opportunity to emphasize the increasing importance of Registered Apprenticeship as the workforce development strategy of the future. Registered Apprenticeships provide industry-driven, high-quality career pathways that include non-traditional occupations. ApprenticeshipUSA partners hosted events across the country that showcased the importance of Registered Apprenticeship in addressing critical workforce needs in high-growth industries such as shipbuilding, AI and information technology, advanced manufacturing, agriculture, construction, energy (including nuclear), healthcare, hospitality and tourism, public service, and shipbuilding and maritime.



AI and Technology Events



← Representatives from the U.S Department of Labor discussed workforce needs and apprenticeship initiatives at Camden County College. The event featured New Jersey's first [AI Registered Apprenticeship](#) program.



↑ The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) hosted its Expanding Talent through Registered Apprenticeship ([ExTRA Awards](#)), recognizing outstanding employer sponsors, apprentices and partners advancing Registered Apprenticeship in Southern Virginia.

→ [Google](#) celebrated National Apprenticeship Week 2026 both internally and with the broader external community, anchoring the week with AI skills development opportunities, career insight sharing, and community celebrations of apprentices. These events featured delicious, Apprenticeship-themed coffee and treats.



Advanced Manufacturing Events



➔ For NAW 2026, the Kentucky Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (KY FAME) recognized Alivia Slucher, who completed a GE Appliances Registered Apprenticeship at the company's Louisville, Kentucky facility through the FAME program.

KY FAME is a partnership of regional manufacturers whose purpose is to implement career pathway, apprenticeship-style educational programs that will create a pipeline of highly skilled workers.



← The Marshall Advanced Manufacturing Center held its **2026 graduation** at Ferroglobe's West Virginia Manufacturing operation in Alloy. Nine industrial maintenance mechanics and 1 machinist were honored for completing their DOL-registered apprentices while 7 apprentices were welcomed into the company's new furnace operator apprenticeship program.

↓ In honor of NAW 2026, Renold, Inc. (a manufacturer of chains, gears, and couplings) based in Ajax, New York, **was proud to celebrate** a major milestone by welcoming their first ever apprentice, Zackery Egroff. His employer was excited to support him as he began his apprenticeship journey through MACNY, The Manufacturers Association and The Manufacturers Alliance of New York State.

↓ The **Workforce Development Council** meeting focused on strengthening talent pipelines and increasing Registered Apprenticeships. Regional Apprenticeship Director Joe Stark shared how employers can use apprenticeships with San Diego and Imperial Valley colleges. Lynn Bigsby led an employer panel with partners from Advanced Manufacturing (Oscar Urteaga) and Behavioral Health (Brooke Franco), sharing their experiences starting and growing apprenticeships. Tina Ngo Bartel summarized the San Diego & Imperial Center of Excellence report, "Expanding Apprenticeships in San Diego County."



Agriculture Events



↑ The Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture ([PASA](#)), held an event during NAW 2026 to spread the word on Registered Apprenticeship pathways in the agriculture industry. Pasa offers apprenticeships in the occupations of dairy grazer, diversified vegetable farm manager, and also a pre-apprenticeship program for farming.

↓ The Kansas Works Office of Registered Apprenticeship hosted its fourth annual [Apprenticeship Summit](#) during NAW 2026. Speakers included the Kansas Farm Bureau, which has been a Registered Apprenticeship program sponsor for several agricultural occupations.



Energy (including Nuclear) Event

Fourteen students and instructors from Augusta Technical College visited the [Savannah River Site](#) (SRS) in South Carolina to learn more about apprenticeships and career opportunities in engineering, welding, chemical tech, industrial systems and mechatronics offered by the Savannah River Site (SRS) in partnership with Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.



Construction Events



↑ Apprenticeship Minnesota featured [Thaddeus Berry](#), electrician apprentice with the St. Paul Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, as part of their NAW 2026 activities.



↑ Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers/ADC of NJ Locals 4 & 5 hosted Passaic County Tech students for a hands-on [Masonry Career Day](#)! Students learned about Registered Apprenticeships, tried their hand at the craft, and met Registered Apprenticeship instructors.



← The Streib Company celebrated the young people building what's next. At the [Streib Education Center \(SEC\)](#), apprentices are gaining real experience, learning from great mentors, and building careers that last. For this event, Streib's top-performing fourth year apprentices participated in various skills competitions and head-to-head challenges.

→ [Evan Popp](#) is a senior at the Fallston High School in Maryland. Evan started with EASI Electrical Automation Systems as an electrician apprentice through the Baltimore Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee IBEW Local 24 while still in high school. He was featured on the Harford County Public Schools social media sites for NAW 2026.



Healthcare Events



↑ WakeMed Health & Hospitals in North Carolina hosted an **Apprentice and Student Scholar** breakfast that celebrated and acknowledged new students, graduating students, and outstanding preceptors. The event was attended by over 100 individuals associated with this healthcare program.

↓ The **University of Texas Medical Branch** (UTMB) celebrated National Apprenticeship Week with a Recognition Breakfast honoring the apprentices, leaders, and preceptors involved in their apprenticeship programs. The event served as an opportunity to recognize their dedication, mentorship, and contributions to workforce development across the institution.



← Apprenticely staff shared information regarding the workforce solutions available through Registered Apprenticeship. Community Health Workers Association (**ARCHWA**) **Summit** at the Heartland Whole Health Institute held in Bentonville, Arkansas and shared the workforce solutions available through Registered Apprenticeship.

Public Service Event



← San Joaquin Delta College (in Stockton, California), and the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) have had a [long-standing partnership](#) including a Registered Apprenticeship Program in Bus Maintenance. Daniel Mitchell (pictured to the left), a new apprentice to RTD, had this to say about his Registered Apprenticeship pathway; “I see this opportunity as a chance to advance my career in the transit industry and make a meaningful impact.”

Hospitality and Food Service Events

→ The [New Hampshire Food Bank](#), a program of Catholic Charities New Hampshire, has been operating a [Culinary Apprenticeship Program](#) in partnership with Apprenticeship New Hampshire since the beginning of 2026. Pictured are some of the food bank’s apprentices earning and learning through this program.



← For NAW 2026, Oakland County Michigan Works! facilitated a [visit by six students](#) from Oakland Schools Technical Campuses – Southeast to the Townsend Hotel to meet with professional chefs and explore the hotel’s culinary Registered Apprenticeship.

→ The Hotel El Conquistador in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, celebrated the [graduation of employees](#) from its Registered Apprenticeship program during NAW 2026. The graduation was hosted in coordination with Labor Connection Northeast Local Area, which helps job seekers develop specialized skills to advance their professional careers.



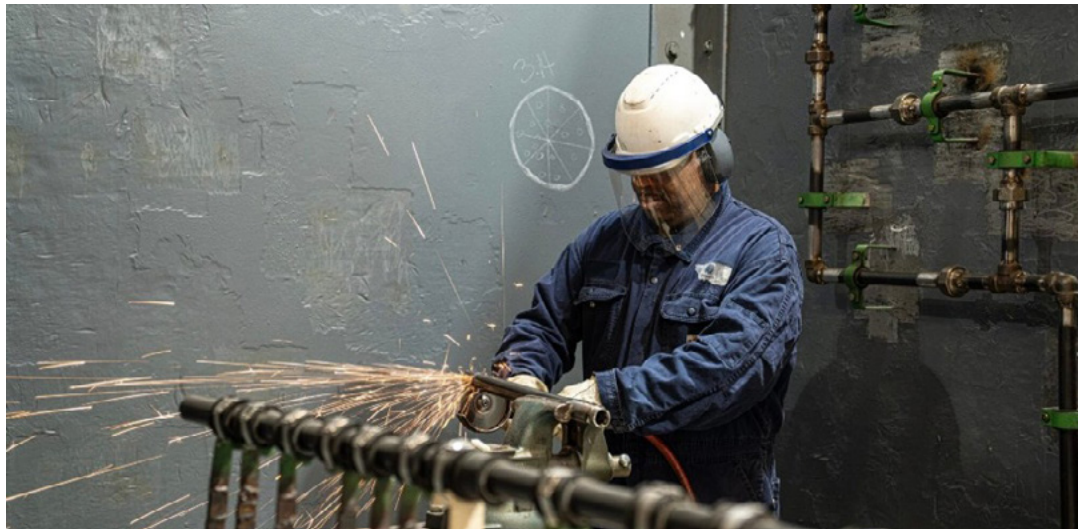
Shipbuilding Events

➔ Ingalls Shipbuilding's Overall Apprentice of the Year, Sawyer Briggs, led the graduating class for the recessional during the 2026 **Apprentice Graduation ceremony** held at Huntington Ingalls International's (HII's) Ingalls Shipbuilding division (in Pascagoula, Mississippi). Sawyer was one of 70 graduates from this shipbuilding Registered Apprenticeship program.



⬅ The Pennsylvania Apprenticeship and Training Office (ATO) hosted a workforce engagement event at the **Hanwha Philly Shipyard** in Philadelphia, highlighting collaboration between state and federal partners to strengthen maritime talent pipelines through the use of Registered Apprenticeships.

➔ **Tidewater Community College** (in Virginia) was proud to recognize National Apprenticeship Week 2026. For nearly five decades, Tidewater Community College (TCC) has played a central role in strengthening the Hampton Roads apprenticeship ecosystem as a cornerstone of workforce development.



National Apprenticeship Week 2026 Proclamations

Over 1,060 Proclamations were issued in support of National Apprenticeship Week 2026! Here are images of some of these proclamations and from signing events across the country.



← Photo of Mayor Duane Crocker (left) [presenting a proclamation](#) for National Apprenticeship Week to Mid Coast Construction Academy Director, Matthew Hilbrich (right) at the Victoria, Texas City Council Meeting held on April 21, 2026.

→ MassHire Greater New Bedford proudly [received a proclamation](#) from the City of New Bedford, Massachusetts, signed by Mayor Jon Mitchell, proclaiming the week of April 26 – May 2 to be National Apprenticeship Week. As our nation celebrates its 250th year, Registered Apprenticeship will continue to be a key strategy for businesses to utilize to build a skilled workforce.



← Staff from Iowa Workforce Development and the Iowa Office of Apprenticeship joined [Governor Kim Reynolds](#) to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week, recognizing the state's efforts that have made Registered Apprenticeship (RA) a cornerstone of our workforce future. Governor Reynolds also signed an NAW 2026 proclamation.

→ During National Apprenticeship Week, [iPR Pharmaceuticals, Inc.](#) welcomed Mayor Lornna Soto Villanueva (far right) and Luis A. Cruz Gerena (second from left) from the Northeast Local Area Workforce Connection for the signing of the official proclamation recognizing National Apprenticeship Week in Canóvanas, Puerto Rico.





← Wayne Community College (WCC) President Patty Pfeiffer (right) **officially signed** an institutional proclamation recognizing the important role Registered Apprenticeships play in strengthening the workforce and expanding access to career opportunities. These programs connect education with experience and support the development of a skilled talent pipeline across eastern North Carolina, the region served by WCC.

→ As the nation celebrated the first NAW in the spring, the **Weld County** (Colorado) Board of Commissioners proclaimed April 26 through May 2, 2026, as National Apprenticeship Week in their community. At the proclamation signing ceremony, Scott James, Weld County Commissioner Chair noted that “apprenticeships give our residents a direct path into high-quality careers, and they give local businesses the talent they need to thrive.”



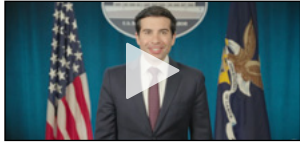
← In his state’s proclamation, Louisiana **Governor Jeff Landry** noted that National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) brings employers, apprentices and graduates, industry leaders, labor organizations, community partners, educational institutions, and government agencies to highlight the impact of Registered Apprenticeships across the state.

→ At the **Palm Beach (Florida)** Board of County Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, Mayor Baxter presented a proclamation declaring April 26-May 2, 2026, as National Apprenticeship Week. Pictured left to right: John Carter, Assistant Director of Government and Political Affairs, ABC Florida East Coast, Fred Barch, Director of Adult & Community Education, Palm Beach County Schools, Christine Whiteleather, Palm Beach State College, Eligio Marquez, Palm Beach State College, Associate Dean, Mayor Sara Baxter, Kimberly Lea, Palm Beach State College, District Dean, Matthew Lenihan, Director, Academic & Business Partnerships, Palm Beach State College, Charles Duval, Assistant Vice President of Business Services, Carrer Source Palm Beach County.

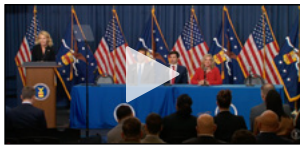


NAW Videos

For NAW 2026, DOL collaborated with a variety of partners to develop and share a number of different audiovisual resources. These included stand-alone informational videos, a sizzle reel to get ready for NAW, and recordings of marquee NAW 2026 events, Registered Apprenticeship webinars, and even a webcast. We invite you to view these resources to learn more about the many aspects of Registered Apprenticeships.



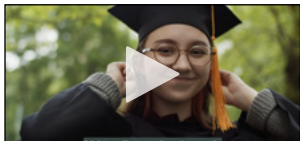
[**National Apprenticeship Week 2026: Making America Skilled Again through Registered Apprenticeship**](#) (Acting Secretary's NAW kickoff video)



[**National Apprenticeship Week 2026: National Signing Day Ceremony**](#)
(NAW kickoff event recording)



[**Building the AI-Ready Workforce through Registered Apprenticeship**](#)
(NAW AI event recording)



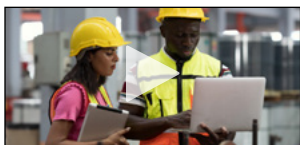
[**JAN — Your Partner to Accessible Apprenticeships**](#) (ETA Assistant Secretary and Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) Assistant Secretary Video).



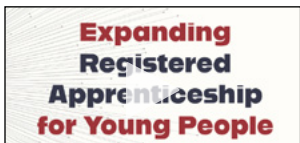
[**Get Ready for NAW 2026**](#) (NAW sizzle reel)



[**WorkforceGPS - National Apprenticeship Week 2026 Public Webinar**](#)
(NAW Public Webinar recording)



[**WorkforceGPS - National Apprenticeship Week 2026 Virtual Town Hall**](#)
(NAW Town Hall recording)



[**WorkforceGPS - Registered Apprenticeship Opportunities for Youth: Expanding RA for Young People**](#) (NAW youth and Registered Apprenticeship webinar recording)



[**WorkforceGPS - How States Can Align Registered Apprenticeship, Workforce, and Education Systems for Greater Impact**](#) (NAW workforce webinar)



[**JAN Webcast Series - April 2026 - Supporting Workers with Disabilities through Apprenticeship**](#) (ODEP webcast for NAW and Registered Apprenticeship)

NAW Blogs

DOL also released three blogs about NAW 2026, which shared useful information and event highlights.



Making America Skilled Again through Registered

Apr. 24, 2026

National Apprenticeship Week 2026 will highlight ho...

[Learn more](#)

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By Acting Secretary of Labor Keith Sonderling



Highlights from the Largest National

May. 12, 2026

Highlights from a successful the 12th Annual National Apprenticeship Week

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By Then-Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Dr. Henry Mack



Apprenticeships offer a path to success for young

Apr. 27, 2026

The right accommodations can make apprenticeship accessible to Americans with disabilities.

[Learn more](#)

[Apprenticeships offer a path to success for young workers of all abilities](#)

By Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Policy Julie Hocker

DOL Social Media Posts

DOL prominently featured National Apprenticeship Week 2026 on its social media feeds.

National Apprenticeship Week 2026 social media outreach resulted in:



For National Apprenticeship Week 2026, there were over **35.2 million** potential social media impressions between April 26, 2026 to May 2, 2026.



National Apprenticeship Week 2026 was mentioned in: **176** Bluesky posts, **83** Facebook posts, **3,364** Instagram posts, **222** LinkedIn posts, **1,439** X posts, and **403** YouTube posts.



From April 26 to May 2, there were at least **5,783** apprenticeship-themed social media posts resulting in **98,309** engagements.



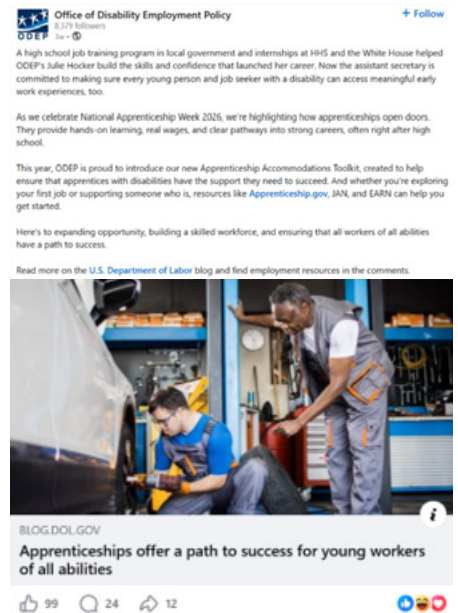
Between April 1 and May 15, there were more than **2,000** news stories (print, online, radio and television) in U.S. markets that focused on apprenticeship generally, and **687** mentioned National Apprenticeship Week specifically.

The DOL accounts shared 56 posts about apprenticeship during that timeframe, with 394,277 impressions and 25,774 engagements.

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NAW Social Media Highlights

Many thanks to the numerous #ApprenticeshipUSA partners for spreading the word on social media during #NAW2026.

Check out some of these posts below!



The Cullman County Schools, headquartered in Cullman, Alabama, recognized the district's very first early childhood [education Registered Apprentice](#), Grace Hopper, along with Lisa Balderrama, her mentor. The school district is a participating employer with the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education's Registered Apprenticeship program.



The [Independent Electrical Contractors](#), Central Ohio celebrated its apprentices and mentors using social media to recognize National Apprenticeship Week 2026.



For NAW 2026, [Snohomish County](#), Washington's local workforce agency hosted their 2026 Apprenticeship Career + Job Fair to provide jobseekers with information about the wide range of occupations and industries – including advanced manufacturing - available to them through Registered Apprenticeships.



The Northern Midwest Regional Council of Carpenters represents nearly 36,000 union members and their families in Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The Council featured its [Registered Apprenticeship program](#) during NAW 2026.



[Cyber Wyoming](#) used social media to promote their virtual proclamation signing to recognize the important role that Registered Apprenticeships in upskilling workers for occupations related to technology.



The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 490 has been serving the state of New Hampshire since 1972, and featured [NAW 2026](#) prominently on its social media pages.

NAW Social Media Highlights

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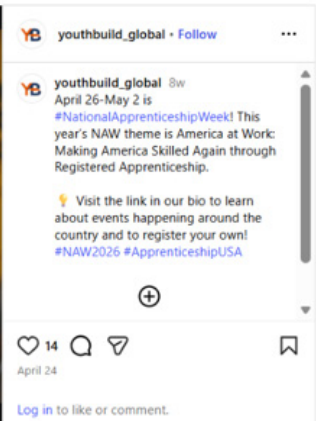
Check out some of these posts below!



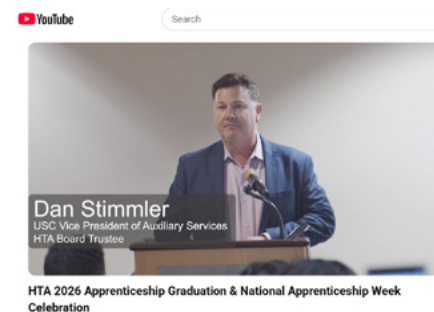
Students from [Lawrenceville High School](#) in Louisa, Kentucky celebrated their completing clinical hours to become Certified Nursing Assistants.



DOL's [YouthBuild program](#) works closely to integrate pre-apprenticeship activities into their grant awards.



Deer Park Independent School District in Texas [celebrated apprentices](#) who are part of the district's Education Registered Apprenticeship Program.



The Hospitality Training Academy (HTA) in California celebrated National Apprenticeship Week with its 2026 [Registered Apprenticeship Graduation](#) where 50 new graduates from HTA's Line Cook and Barista/Latte Artist programs were recognized.

Get Ready for NAW 2027!

Now that National Apprenticeship Week 2026 has concluded, we're already planning next year's celebration to keep the momentum going for Registered Apprenticeship. We hope you will join us to celebrate NAW 2027, to be held from April 25 – May 1, 2027, and help us make it even bigger than 2026! Mark your calendars for these upcoming NAW dates and don't forget to check www.apprenticeship.gov for updates.

April 25 – May 1, 2027

April 23 – April 29, 2028

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