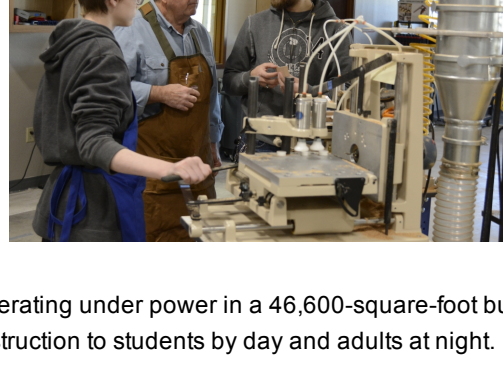
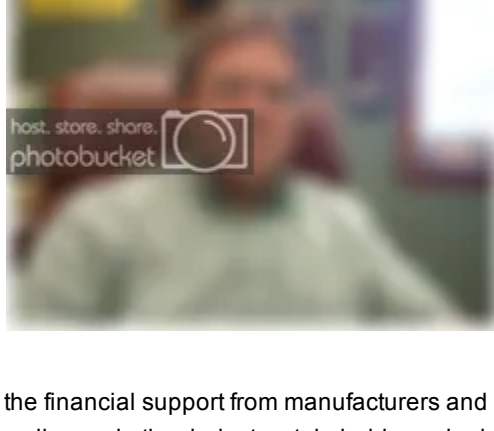




Summer 2018

President's Message: No Rest for the Weary

2018 has been a busy and productive year so far for WCA and it's only going to get more so as we head to Atlanta next month for the **International Woodworking Fair** in Atlanta. For starters, we've enrolled 260 new Passport holders into the program and issued 147 new certificates and credentials. Since our last Pathways edition, WCA has added nine new EDUcation™ members and two new INDUstry™ sponsors. We are very grateful for the financial support from manufacturers and distributors of woodworking machinery and supplies and other industry stakeholders who have signed on as INDUstry Sponsors.



The MiLL: A Model to Help Bridge the Woodworking Industry's Skills Gap

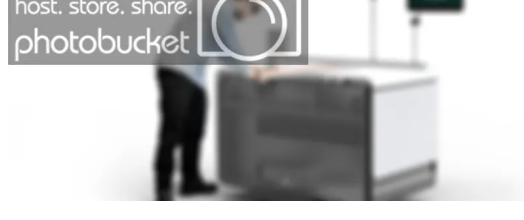
The Manufacturing Industry Learning Lab, aka the MiLL, opened with great fanfare last fall in Colorado Springs, CO. Billed as a national training center for the woodworking industry, the MiLL features more than \$3 million worth of equipment

operating under power in a 46,600-square-foot building. The facility offers woodworking instruction to students by day and adults at night.



Contestants Wanted for WCA Bandsaw Skills Challenge at IWF

Woodworkers attending the International Woodworking Fair in Atlanta, can compete for prizes and bragging rights by entering the WCA Bandsaw Skills Challenge. The competition will be held all four days of the show, Aug. 22-25, at the Woodwork Career Alliance of North America's booth #4154.



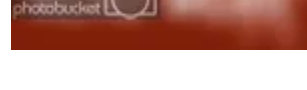
Idaho Cabinetmaking Student Russia Bound for WorldSkills

Ethan Harrison, a 2018 graduate of Blackfoot High School of Blackfoot, ID, will receive training from WCA skills evaluator Jeff Molzahn to prepare for the 2019 WorldSkills Cabinetmaking competition in Kazan, Russia.



Joe Davis named 2018 WMIA Educator of the Year

Joe Davis, woodworking instructor at the Dale Jackson Career Center and an accredited skills evaluator of the WCA, received the Wooden Globe for educational excellence from the Woodworking Machinery Industry Association.



Welcome New Members & Sponsors!

The WCA is pleased to welcome eight new EDUcation™ member schools and five new INDUstry™ Sponsors.



Westosha Central High Students Earn Sawblade Certificates

Students finish the school year by receiving their WCA Sawblade Certificates in the award-winning Wisconsin woodworking program.



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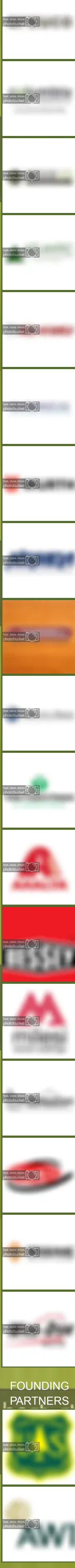
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