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## Youth Apprenticeship Modernization Thank you for Representing the Industry!

In Fall of 2020, DWD and the Wisconsin Operating Engineers launched a pilot for an Operating Engineers' Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program. Youth apprenticeship is a blend of classroom instruction (provided by the online courses through Destinations Career Academy) and 450 hours of paid work experience.

In 2021, DWD began the process of modernizing all youth apprenticeship programs to ensure the programs align with industry needs. Even though the Operating Engineers' program is new, they are required to complete the review.

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If you are interested in learning more about YA or employing a Youth Apprentice for the fall, please contact Laura Cataldo at [laura.cataldo@bakertilly.com](mailto:laura.cataldo@bakertilly.com) or 608-616-2835.

## Save the Date Externship Day returns on November 8-9th!

The Wisconsin Operating Engineers' Externship Day is an opportunity for students, parents and educators to:

- Tour the training center, including the indoor training arena
- Test their skill on equipment simulators
- Gain hands-on experience with mini-excavators
- Learn about apprenticeship opportunities
- Interact with current apprentices and Operators
- Hear from employers about opportunities that exist and what they are seeking in employees

Watch for details soon on the November dates!

## Seeking Volunteers in Janesville/Beloit for Youth Program Hendricks Careertek: July 29, 2021

Wisconsin Operating Engineers are hosting the first Equipment Operator Summer Academy at Hendrick's Careertek in Beloit on July 29th from 9am-3pm. We are seeking volunteers willing to attend a portion of the day to engage with students. If you are interested in assisting or for more information, please contact Laura Cataldo at [laura.cataldo@bakertilly.com](mailto:laura.cataldo@bakertilly.com) or 608-616-2835