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VALLEY MEN TO COMPETE IN NATIONAL HVAC COMPETITION

The Phoenix Sheet Metal Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC), which is supported by SMACNA Arizona (the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association) and Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local #359, has announced that Valley residents Luke Kasper, Jared New and Brandon Volovich will be competing in the 38th Annual Sheet Metal Workers International Apprenticeship Contest in Las Vegas March 15-18.

Kasper, a fourth-year apprentice from University Mechanical & Engineering Contractors, Inc., will compete in the HVAC Sheet Metal category. New, a fifth-year apprentice from Linc Service, will compete in the Testing Adjusting and Balance category and Volovich, a fifth-year apprentice from Kinetics, will compete in the Industrial Sheet Metal category.

“Arizona’s skilled craftspeople are among the best in the nation,” said Carol Goguen, SMACNA Arizona’s executive director. “The training they receive at the JATC and the work they do in our extreme climate are tremendous assets for our contractors – and more importantly – for our contractors clients.”

SMACNA Arizona is committed to quality work and ensuring quality workers for the future. SMACNA is an international association of union contractors in the sheet

metal and air conditioning industry representing 4,500 contributing contractor firms. The organization is focused on upholding the highest standards of quality and excellence in all facets of the sheet metal and air conditioning industry. To demonstrate that commitment, SMACNA Arizona has contributed more than \$2.5 million statewide toward skills training and apprenticeship programs. For more information on SMACNA Arizona, visit www.smacna-az.org or call (602) 734-0214.