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**MADISON - Governor Scott Walker has proclaimed next week, November 12-18, as Apprenticeship Week throughout the state. Wisconsin's Apprenticeship Week corresponds with National Apprenticeship Week and provides an opportunity to celebrate the successes of the nation's first regulated Apprenticeship program as well as put a spotlight on the high-quality careers an Apprenticeship program can provide.**

**"Wisconsin's Registered Apprenticeship program provides thousands of Wisconsin workers with vital training that employers demand," Secretary Allen said. "Under Governor Walker, Wisconsin continues to invest in workforce training that will advance Wisconsin's economy and attract businesses from around the world."**

**Wisconsin DWD's Registered Apprenticeship program, which was created in 1911 and has served as a national model for generations, provides a value-added training model for as many as 11,000 apprentices and 2,500 employers in over 200 occupations across the state annually.**

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**Throughout Apprenticeship Week, the Department of Workforce Development's (DWD) [Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards](#) will be coordinating numerous events centered on Apprenticeship training opportunities in Wisconsin:**

- The week will kick-off with a meeting of participants in the Wisconsin Leaders Program, consisting of apprenticeship leaders at all levels throughout the state to discuss best practices and share information.
- Throughout the week, apprenticeship training centers throughout Wisconsin will be opening their doors for open houses, presentations and tours aimed at increasing awareness of the opportunities stemming from an apprenticeship program.

For more information on these and additional events, please visit:

[Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards](#)

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