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PHOENIX APPRENTICE COMPETES AT NATIONAL CONTEST

Skylar Daniels, a third-year apprentice with the Arizona Pipe Trades Apprenticeship program, recently represented the state of Arizona at the United Association International Apprentice Contest Ann Arbor, Mich. Thirty contestants from the United States and Canada competed for the top slot in their discipline.

Daniels won competitions at both the state and regional level, earning him the right to compete at the international contest, where he competed in the plumbing discipline, primarily against fourth-year apprentices.

The plumbing contest consisted of a 300-question written exam, cast iron project, PVC project, copper project, rigging project, layout project, green plumbers project, board interview, tube bending project and a final project.

The final project was the most comprehensive, consisting of building a platform out of unistrut to specification and piping a system with a cast iron soil main, a polypropylene acid waste system, a George Fischer PVDF supply, a Stainless supply and a complete lavatory, including rough-in and trim.

Daniels was among only a few contestants that finished the final project in the time allotted, and his copper project, consisting of almost 40 joints with 7 different joining techniques, won the Copper Development Association award.

“We are extremely proud of Skylar’s accomplishments at the competition,” said Kathryn “Kitty” Maloney-Langmade, president of W.J. Maloney Plumbing, Inc. “Our company is a supporter of the apprenticeship program, and the work Skylar has done on behalf of the program is truly extraordinary.”

Daniels is a resident of Apache Junction.

For more information, please visit www.pipetrades.org.

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