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### **Burlington Employee Wins Electrical Contest at State Fair**

RALEIGH—Christopher Januzys was the first place winner at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Electrical Apprentices Contest at the N.C. State Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Januzys, who works for Watson Electrical Construction Company's Burlington Division, won a \$650 premium from the State Fair and Electrical Contest Committee, a plaque and an assortment of sponsor prizes for his efforts.

“The apprenticeship contests give these workers an opportunity to showcase their skills while having fun at the fair,” Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry said. “I congratulate all of them for taking part in this contest and for learning skills that will benefit them and our state.”

Apprenticeships have been the backbone of North Carolina's work preparation programs for more than 65 years. Apprenticeship combines on-the-job training with related classroom instruction to prepare exceptional workers for North Carolina and America's industry.

Percy Manuel, who works for Watson Electrical Construction Co. in Wilson, placed second. Darrin Grindstaff, who works for Duckworth Electric Co. in Gastonia, took home third place honors.

To be eligible to compete, apprentices must be registered in the occupation and training with an employer that has a program registered with the N.C. Department of Labor.

Contests are held in masonry, HV/AC-R, electrical, carpentry and plumbing.

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