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Congratulations to Newest Certified Journeyworkers

MACNY's Workforce Development team recognizes and applauds the efforts of four local apprentices who recently attained Journeyworker certifications in their respective fields. Each in various stages of career development, these individuals availed themselves of training and skills development offered by MACNY in conjunction with their employers. Their nationally recognized credentials are testaments to their hard work, dedication, and commitment.

Jason Salisbury recently completed his New York State apprentice program at Hillrom (previously known as Welch Allyn) in Skaneateles. A third-generation toolmaker, Salisbury's exposure to the trades came from his father, a toolmaker designer; as well as his grandfather and uncle who operated their own shops. Twenty years ago, he joined Welch Allyn as a welder/fabricator. Cost savings efforts at the company presented him with the opportunity to excel as a technician, providing tooling on lamp machines, earning himself the president's award, the Beacon of Quality. Jason is now an approved New York Journeyworker Toolmaker.

Jason encourages apprentices to "never lose confidence" in themselves, and credits MACNY and Hillrom for helping him to complete the program. He loves his job, his work, and appreciates the pathways to success that Hillrom, in recognizing his talents and strengths, has provided for him. Salisbury is especially proud of having utilized his acquired knowledge to rebuild his 1940 Ford Coupe from the ground up.



Also achieving Journeyworker status is **Steven Tomeno**, an OptiPro Systems employee in the Greater Rochester, NY area for over six years. Tomeno completed the CNC Machinist Apprentice program, a rigorous four-years that entails 8,000 hours of on-the-job training and 576 hours of related technical instruction to earn his professional credential. Steven shared that the apprentice program has afforded him new opportunities to expand his knowledge and skills in his field which will continue to help him grow at OptiPro Systems. With gratitude to teachers throughout his life, Tomeno offers this advice to apprentices everywhere: "Learn as much as you can. Every person you meet has a story and experience. It is your job to get it out of their head and into yours."

MACNY also congratulates **Brandy Calkins** from Hillrom and **Tylus Bradley** from Auburn Bearing & Manufacturing for achieving their Journeyworker certifications in the New York State apprentice program.

Enterprising companies like Hillrom, OptiPro Systems, and Auburn Bearing & Manufacturing, who are interested in successful Workforce Development programs such as these, are encouraged to reach out to the MACNY team at 315-474-4201 ext.49.