Carpenters Apprenticeship Internship: Student and Industry Perspectives

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The Carpenters Apprenticeship Internship program is designed to provide students the opportunity to work as a construction laborer and get hands-on work experience. The goal of this study is to address the perceived benefits of the Carpenters Apprenticeship Internship with respect to the students, the industry members, and the union. In looking at the benefits this opportunity presents, any value that is aligned among the parties involved will be highlighted to convey the mutual advantages. Lastly, the demand among students for experience such as this will be assessed to see what the perceived value of labor experience is among students pursuing a career in the field of construction management.

CM Student Interest

Alignment

Students:
• Knowledge of how to build
• Appreciation of labor
• Build relationships
• Better jobsite communication skills
• Background for better management practices
• Respect from industry

Industry:
• Close-up exposure to potential hires
• Field management experienced individuals
• Potential future superintendents

Union:
• Viewed as a positive partner rather than the old perception
• Increase in educated field personnel
• Better informed students

Please rate your experience in the Carpenters Apprenticeship Internship using the following statements:

- Better understanding of construction processes
- Understanding how things are built
- Appreciation for laborers and tradespeople
- Value this experience for my future career
- All students should have some labor experience
- Better versed in building terminology
- Greater appreciation for the Union
- I know more about building than before
- I would recommend this program to other students
- I would intern in the program again
- This experience was valuable

Key Words

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Prior Labor Experience

- More than 5 years
- 1-2 years
- None