

NEW YORK CITY

CARPENTERS

TRAINING CENTER

2026

GRADUATION

RIGHT

NOW



June 12, 2026

The Future Is Being Built **Right Now**

2026 GRADUATION CEREMONY

• PROGRAM •

6:00 PM	Cocktail Hour Begins
7:00 PM	Reception Doors Open
7:20 PM	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>by James R. Hayes, Director of Training</i>
7:25 PM	National Anthem <i>Performed by the Cardinal Hayes High School Boys Choir</i>
7:30 PM	Video Presentation – “Right Now” <i>by James R. Hayes</i>
7:35 PM	Remarks by Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Capurso
7:40 PM	Introduction of Special Guest Speaker, Joseph A. Geiger, Eastern District Vice President, New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon <i>followed by Elected Officials and Special Guests.</i>
7:50 PM	Presentation of Golden Hammer Contest Winners <i>Contest winners invited to the stage for photographs with Local Presidents and Leadership.</i>
8:00 PM	Intermission & Dinner Service Begins
8:20 PM	Recognition of Graduating Apprentices by Local Union <i>Graduates invited to the stage for recognition and photographs with Local Leadership and Union Officials.</i>
8:45 PM	Closing Remarks, Entertainment, & Celebration
10:30 PM	Conclusion of Graduation Ceremony



GOLDEN HAMMER

OPEN HOUSE WINNERS

DOCKBUILDER/TIMBERMAN

1ST PLACE

Lospitalier, Kristopher
1556

2ND PLACE

Garcia, Tyrone
1556

3RD PLACE

Cosa, Christopher
1556

FLOORCOVERING

1ST PLACE

Zhispon Patino, Enrique
2287

2ND PLACE

Loor Lazo, Washington
2287

3RD PLACE

Gutierrez, Christian
2287

GENERAL CARPENTRY

1ST PLACE

Lyu, Guoliong
45

2ND PLACE

Guinea, Wilson
45

3RD PLACE

Woupes, Michael
45

HIGH-RISE CONCRETE

1ST PLACE

Garcia, Rodrigo
212

2ND PLACE

Taylor, Nickaloy
212

3RD PLACE

Vite, Ajani
212

INTERIOR SYSTEMS

1ST PLACE

Sittipanya, Panupong
45

2ND PLACE

Wing, Hunter
45

3RD PLACE

Glenday, George
45

MILLWRIGHTS

1ST PLACE

Witt, John
740

2ND PLACE

Boell, Sean
740

3RD PLACE

Carpenter, Cody
740

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Holmes, Shane
1556

Bliss, Steven
2287

Rosario, Newton
157

Castro, Raymond
212

Tsvetkova, Daria
926

Clarke, Theron
45

Casale, Louis
45

Petronelli, Joseph
20

Jennings, Meghan
157

Dominguez, Matt
157

Garita, Juan (Att)
926

Castillo, Brandon
740

Carpenter, Cody
740



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

Dear Graduates,

Today, we celebrate more than the completion of a program – we celebrate dedication, resilience, and the future of our union. Each of you has committed yourselves to mastering a craft built on discipline, pride, and hard work, and that achievement deserves to be recognized.

The construction industry continues to evolve, and with it, the need for highly skilled, safety-conscious, and motivated professionals has never been greater. You are stepping forward prepared not only to meet those expectations, but to help shape the future of our workforce and our communities.

This accomplishment reflects the countless hours spent learning, training, and pushing through challenges. It also reflects the support of your families, instructors, mentors, and fellow apprentices who stood beside you throughout this journey.

On behalf of the entire staff of the New York City Carpenters Training Center, congratulations on this significant milestone. We are proud of all that you have accomplished and excited to see the impact you will make in the years ahead.

Continue to lead with integrity, work with pride, and **never stop learning.**
Congratulations, Class of 2026!

Sincerely,

James Hayes

James R. Hayes
Director of Training





SPECIAL THANKS TO

CCA METRO



The New York City Carpenters Training Center extends its sincere appreciation to CCA Metro for their generous support of our 2026 Graduation Ceremony.



Their commitment to apprenticeship, workforce development, and the future of the unionized construction industry has helped make this celebration possible for our graduates and their families.



We would also like to extend our gratitude to **Paul Fernandes**, Executive Director, and **Liliana Lozano**, Office Manager, for their continued partnership and support. Their dedication to the success of our apprentices and training programs is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for helping us recognize and celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2026.



Paul Fernandes, Executive Director
CCA Metro

SPECIAL THANKS



*With sincere appreciation to our industry partners
for their generous support and donation of
commemorative gifts to the Class of 2026.*



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ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK



ASSOCIATION OF WALL-CEILING &
CARPENTRY INDUSTRIES OF NEW YORK



GREATER NEW YORK
FLOOR COVERERS ASSOCIATION



NEW YORK CITY MILLWRIGHT
CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION



THE CEMENT LEAGUE



BUILDING CONTRACTORS
ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK

*Thank you for helping us celebrate and
honor the accomplishments of our
graduating apprentices.*



— CONGRATULATIONS —

CLASS OF 2026

— NEW YORK CITY CARPENTERS —

OUR GRADUATING APPRENTICES

LOCAL 20

Peter Arsenault
Josephie Flores Lopez
Malakhi Horne
Michael Horne
Farley Jaddah
Karim Mansour

Kymani Modeste-Ambrose
Joseph Petronelli
Emilio Ponce
Angelo Reyes
Damien Santiago
Kevin Yuen

LOCAL 45

Alvin Almonte
Mitchell Cardona
Louis Casale
Talia Casserly
Shawn Cavanagh
Theron Clarke
Julian Diaz
George Glenday
Jeremy Goldring
Luis Jara
Ricky Jason
Roger Juca
Frank Levy
Dominic Lobasso

Guoliang Lyu
Byron Ortiz
Philippas Padouvas
Joseph Peterson
Ryan Schoenhals
Panupong Sittipanya
Michael Steele
Anthony Todaro
Iain Walsh
Chelsea Weglarz
Hunter Wing

LOCAL 157

Jonathan Arriaga
Jonathan Baez
Secada Callender
Efrain Castanon
Charles Cauman-White
Nicholas Chazotte
Jules Claro
Shtira Daniels
Matthew Dominguez
Michael Dove
Christopher Graves
Frederick Inoa
Shihab Jamil
Carleek Jones
Joseph Khalifeh
Joshua Leocadio
Elias Lopez
Veronica Lopez
Timothy McCarthy
Colin McDonnell
Pavel Montalvo
Sean Moran
Tyjon Moses
Manuel Otero
Alan Ovalle
Rayshawn Parrilla

Jarod Rolon
Newton Rosario
Olga Sarmiento Eremeeva
Dylan Stawkowski
Kevin Suarez
Alan Szczepaniec
Fredy Talavera
Damali Wilson
Kwamae Young
Jesucristo Zamora



LOCAL 212

Raymond Castro
Rodrigo Garcia
Travis Pinzon
Ajani Vite
Nickaloy Taylor



LOCAL 740

Sean Boell
Andrew Plunkett
Emilio Reynoso
John Witt
Justin Wood

LOCAL 926

Jerry Aguilar
Djasi Arias
Michael Brown
Kamil Brulinski
David Cabrera
Vittorio Dudley
Gregory Eugene
Dylan Grant
Joshua Gray
Michael Guiseppone
Fernando Hernandez
Ricardo Kelly
Diogenes Lagombra

Xavier Montalvo
Baton Musa
Jeffry Niola
Luis Recinos
Julian Sosa
Royton Stoute
Daria Tsvetkova
Jamari Waldron
Jerrily Wells

LOCAL 1556

Jake Bernhard
Scott Burzumato
Louie Carrier
Christopher Cosa
Marcus Davis
Dirne Dyett
Dwayne Fisher
Tyrone Garcia
Shane Holmes

Alex Jimenez
Shamari Kirkpatrick
Kristopher Lospitalier
Hakeem Noel
Mark Olini
Alexandro Perea
Alfred Ragins
Kyle Rosero
James Ward

LOCAL 2287

Willie Black
Steven Bliss
Derek Demicco
John Derobertis
Christian Gutierrez
Alfonso Lacayo
Washington Looz Lazo
Hector Romero
Enrique Zhispon Patino

LOCAL 2790

Jonathan Arocho



Special THANKS

The New York City Carpenters Training Center extends its sincere appreciation to New York State Department of Labor Commissioner **Roberta Reardon** and the New York State Department of Labor Team for their continued support of apprenticeship, workforce development, and career opportunities for the next generation of skilled tradespeople.

Their commitment to strengthening the workforce helps create pathways to success for apprentices across New York State. We are grateful for their partnership and dedication to the future of our industry.





Paul Capurso
EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY-TREASURER



David Caraballoso
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY-TREASURER
AND PRESIDENT



Adam Harkin
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY-TREASURER
AND VICE PRESIDENT

To the Class of 2026, *The Best Is Ahead.*

Right now, you have earned more than a certificate – you have earned the respect of your peers, your families, and an entire industry.

Right now, you represent the future of our craft – skilled, dedicated, and ready to build what matters.

Right now, your hard work becomes opportunity, and opportunity becomes impact.

Right now, New York is being built by your hands, your minds, and your commitment to excellence.

As you step forward into this next chapter, know that you carry with you our pride, our support, and our best wishes.

Congratulations, Graduates!

BUILD BOLD. LEAD PROUD. STAY TRUE TO THE CRAFT.

THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF CARPENTERS BENEFIT FUNDS:

Olivia Cuggy
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anne Massa
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
AND INVESTMENTS

Walter Saraceni
DIRECTOR OF
SPECIAL PROJECTS

RIGHT NOW

Right now, a new generation of carpenters steps forward.

Right now, tradition meets innovation.

Right now, discipline becomes legacy.

Right now, New York is being built by your hands.

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