

The Best of the Best!

The United Association and the Florida Pipe Trades recently held its annual apprenticeship contest. The top apprentices from each local union in the state competed in their respective trades; PLUMBING, PIPEFITTING, WELDING & HVAC.

I'm proud to announce the winner of the 2009 plumbing competition was none other than #519's own **Barnette "B.K." Gunn V**. He competed in a week long competition which covered subjects such as Building Level & Transit, Rigging, Lay Out, Ground Rough, Water Piping & Fixture Setting projects and a 100 question written exam that concluded the competition.

Brother Gunn then went on to represent #519 and the state of Florida in the South Eastern Regional Apprenticeship Competition where several states were also represented. States such as Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas all took part in the competition. After another week long competition **Brother Gunn** finished fourth in the South Eastern Region.

His accomplishment is a testimonial to the hard work of not only himself but to the Instructors and Apprenticeship Program of #519. Plumbers Local Union #519 is very proud of **Brother Gunn** and the outstanding Training Program that we are privileged to have!



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