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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **Masonry Apprentices Shine at National Competition during World of Concrete Convention**

Las Vegas, NV – January 2024 – Upstate New York masonry apprentices John Synek and Matt McCarty from Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local No. 2 recently competed at the World of Concrete Convention skills competition held last week in Las Vegas, NV. Synek placed within his division for the second straight year, while McCarty represented well in his first-ever competition. The annual contest highlights the top masonry apprentices from across the United States.

Synek a third-year apprentice hailing from Forestport, NY, showcased his remarkable skills and secured the second place in his division. This impressive achievement marks his second consecutive year placing in the national competition.

McCarty, a first-year apprentice from Fulton, NY, demonstrated remarkable skill and resilience in his first national competition against 15 other first-year apprentices within his division. Although McCarty did not place, he received commendation for his outstanding representation. Matt showcased exemplary confidence while competing at the national level, further highlighting the caliber of apprentices affiliated with the union.

This year's competition featured nearly 50 apprentices from across the country. Representing various local jurisdictions. Apprentices demonstrated their exceptional talent at the prestigious competition, which is a highlight of the World of Concrete Convention.

"We are immensely proud of John's remarkable achievement, placing second in his division for the second consecutive year. His dedication and skill exemplify the high standards upheld by the Bricklayers Allied Craftworkers Union No. 2. Matt's participation and commendable performance further underscore our commitment to fostering excellence in our apprentices," said Pat Tirino, President of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local No. 2.

The World of Concrete Convention provided a platform for apprentices like Synek and McCarty to showcase their talents on a national stage, surrounded by industry professionals and leaders. This annual event continues to be a vital hub for the commercial concrete and masonry construction industries, offering opportunities for networking, education, and exposure to cutting-edge products and technologies.

For more information about the Bricklayers Allied Craftworkers Union No. 2 and their apprentices' achievements, please contact Amanda Bedian at 518-640-2530 or [Amandab@masonrynetwork.org](mailto:Amandab@masonrynetwork.org)



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## **About Bricklayers Allied Craftworkers Union No. 2**

Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers founded in 1865, the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers represents craftworkers in the trowel trades across the United States and Canada including bricklayers, stone and marble masons, cement masons, plasterers, tilers, terrazzo and mosaic workers, and pointers/cleaners/caulkers. Every BAC member is an important part of the Union's proud history and bright future. BAC continues to provide members with superior services and representation. BAC Local 2 Has 2 locations.

Albany Office  
302 Centre Drive  
Albany, NY 12203

Liverpool Office  
7705 Maltlage Drive  
Liverpool, NY 13090

## **About World of Concrete**

World of Concrete is the industry's ONLY annual international event dedicated to commercial concrete and masonry construction industries. Featuring indoor and outdoor exhibits with the industry's leading suppliers showcasing innovative products and technologies, exciting demonstrations and competitions and world-class education program.

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