

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY HBRA NEWS

### A jobs pipeline: Fairfield County HBRA Companies looking for 'home-grown' talent met with Wright Tech students in Stamford

In a first-of-its-kind event, the HBRA of Fairfield County invited J.M. Wright Technical High School seniors to meet with companies interested in hiring them right after graduation.



L-R Fairfield County HBRA V.P. John, Exec Officer Kerry Brun, President KimDiMatteo with Wright Tech Principal Justin Lowe

Company representatives and students mingled for more than an hour at the school campus Wednesday, talking shop — literally — with the students studying trades from carpentry to plumbing. The goal was to help ease workforce burden by hiring Juniors and Seniors that are going through the tech program.

“It is very exciting to see the many employment opportunities coming the way of our students,” Wright Tech Principal Justin Lowe said in a press release about the event. “The HBRA is one of many groups we are hoping to build relationships and pipelines to employment for our students today and in the future.”



Job-seeking trade students met with employers in a first-of-its-kind event intended to inform students of different job opportunities and hire on the spot.



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## HBRA CENTRAL CT NEWS

### Central CT HBRA Annual Awards Night

by Sheila Leach, Vice-President of Operations

We could not be more thrilled with our Annual Awards Night and the Induction of Ted Brown as our Incoming President.



The evening before the event, Liz Koiva called to say that she had COVID! So, Liz gave her president’s speech virtually to the over 170 attendees.



Carl Harris, 2nd Vice Chairman of NAHB, was our guest of honor, and a surprise to those in attendance. Carl kept his visit a secret, which was a gift, especially to George LaCava, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame by Carl.



Ted Brown inducted as President of the HBRA of Central CT.

Photos courtesy of Jennifer Highman Photography.



The band Changes in Lattitudes was excellent, and set a great tone.

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## HBRA CENTRAL CT ANNUAL AWARDS



**Builder of the Year Mike Riccio with Carl Harris**



**Remodeler of the Year Tim Freeland with Carl Harris**



**Immediate Past NAHB Chairman Greg Ugalde with 2nd Vice Chair Carl Harris**



**Associate of the Year Antonio Liguori, Calcagni Real Estate**



**Associate of the Year Hocon Pete Battaglio (Josh Greco accepting)**



**New Member of the Year Jeff Miller**



**President's Award Tony Pion**



**President's Award Vinnie Bonavita**



**NAHB 2nd Vice Chairman Carl Harris with Sheila Leach and Central CT HBRA CEO Eric Person**



A great HBRA of Central CT night held at the new "Parkville Market" in Hartford - great to get everyone together! (l to r Eric Person, CEO - HBRA CC; Liz Koiva, President - HBRA CC; Sheila Leach, CEO HBA - NW CT; Greg Ugalde, NAHB Immediate Past Chair)