

# OUR PEOPLE TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR WORK

## S&D HVAC APPRENTICE PLACES FIRST IN PHCC NATIONAL COMPETITION



The Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors (PHCC) National Association hosted their annual Plumbing & HVAC Apprentice Contest from October 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> at the Marriott River Center in San Antonio, Texas. The competition offers the nation's top 20 plumbing and top 12 HVAC apprentices an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. Shapiro & Duncan's HVAC Service Apprentice, Jonathan Barrick, competed and placed first in the competition.

Each year our service department sends one deserving apprentice to compete in the national competition, which started in 2013. The competition consists of a series of challenges which include:

- ⇒ refrigeration recovery,
- ⇒ evacuation and identification,
- ⇒ piping assembly and brazing,
- ⇒ Troubleshooting,
- ⇒ calculation of BTU performance based on readings on packaging units;
- ⇒ and electrical wiring

For Jonathan, the easiest challenge was "troubleshooting because it feels very natural to me in my everyday work environment." He found his hardest challenge to be calculating BTU performance. Our first place winner took home \$15,000 worth of tools; and plans to obtain his HVAC Journeyman's and Master's licenses in the future. Jonathan appreciates the support he received from the entire service department, which contributed to his success. "The whole service department deserves credit as we are a large family. Any time I need help, even if it's late, or after hours and I'm on a call, I can count on anyone from our department."