

APPRENTICESHIP

Some exciting program stats for October 2023:

To kick off the 2023 National Apprenticeship Week, ABC NorCal recently hosted its electrifying 9th annual Local Craft Competition on 11/1/2023! This vibrant event wasn't just a showdown; it was a spectacular display of talent, ambition and the relentless pursuit of perfection.

13 exceptional apprentices, hailing from the Carpentry, Electrical and Painting apprenticeship programs, converged in a thrilling clash of skills and creativity. Each one was vying for the chance to emerge as the Northern California Chapter's undisputed champion, and secure a golden ticket to the prestigious National Craft Competition (NCC) in Kissimmee, Florida slated for March 2024.

But it wasn't just about the tools and materials, it was about passion, dedication and the pursuit of excellence, which reverberated throughout the venue. Each apprentice brought their A-game, pushing the boundaries of innovation and skill, to impress the discerning panel of judges.

The judges tallied the results and here's the list of the winners:

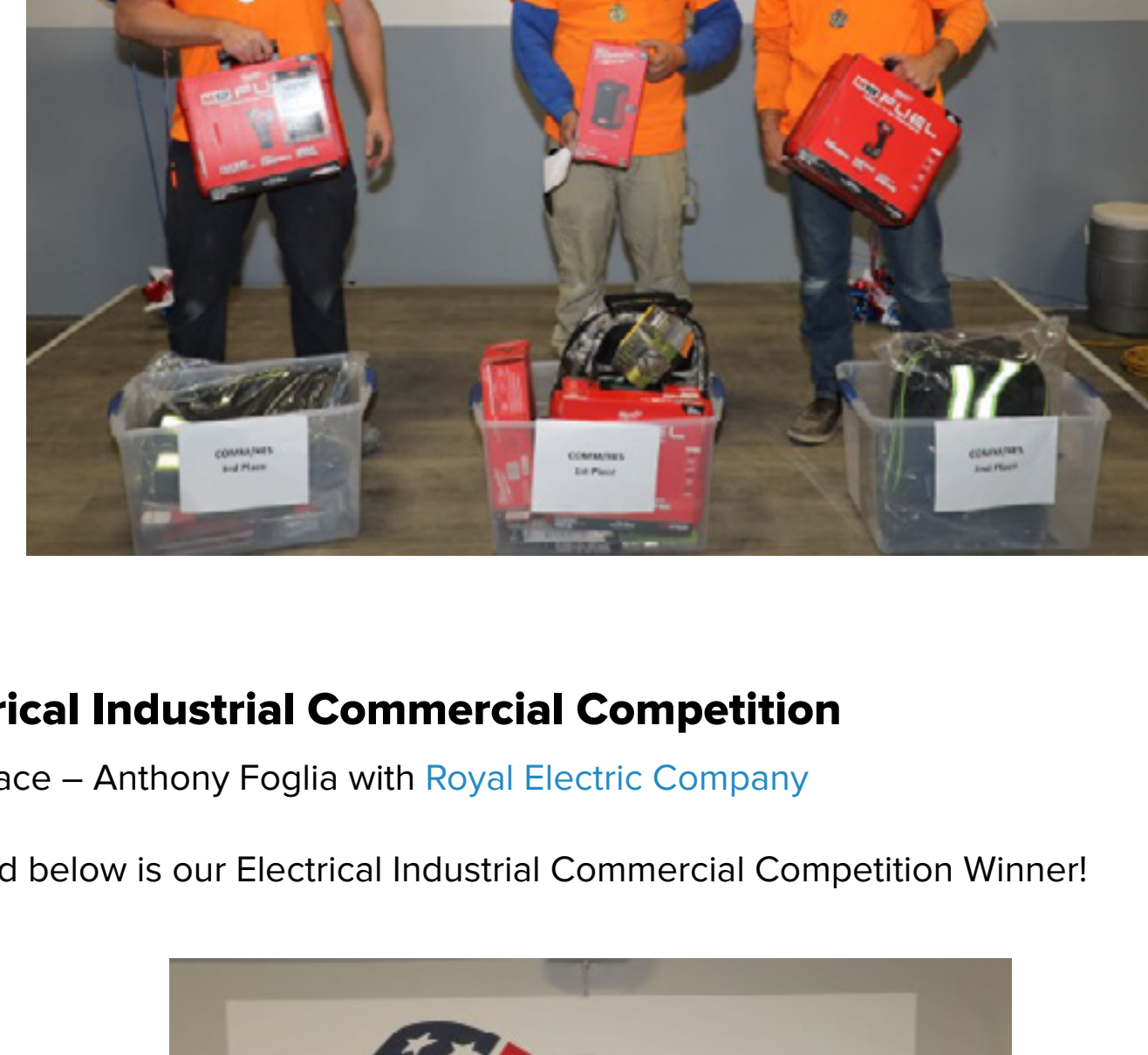
Carpentry Competition

First Place – Andre Morton with [CNW Construction, Inc.](#)

Second Place – Jose Nunez with [Harris Builders, Inc.](#)

Third Place – Brian Trinh

Pictured below are our Carpentry Competition Winners!



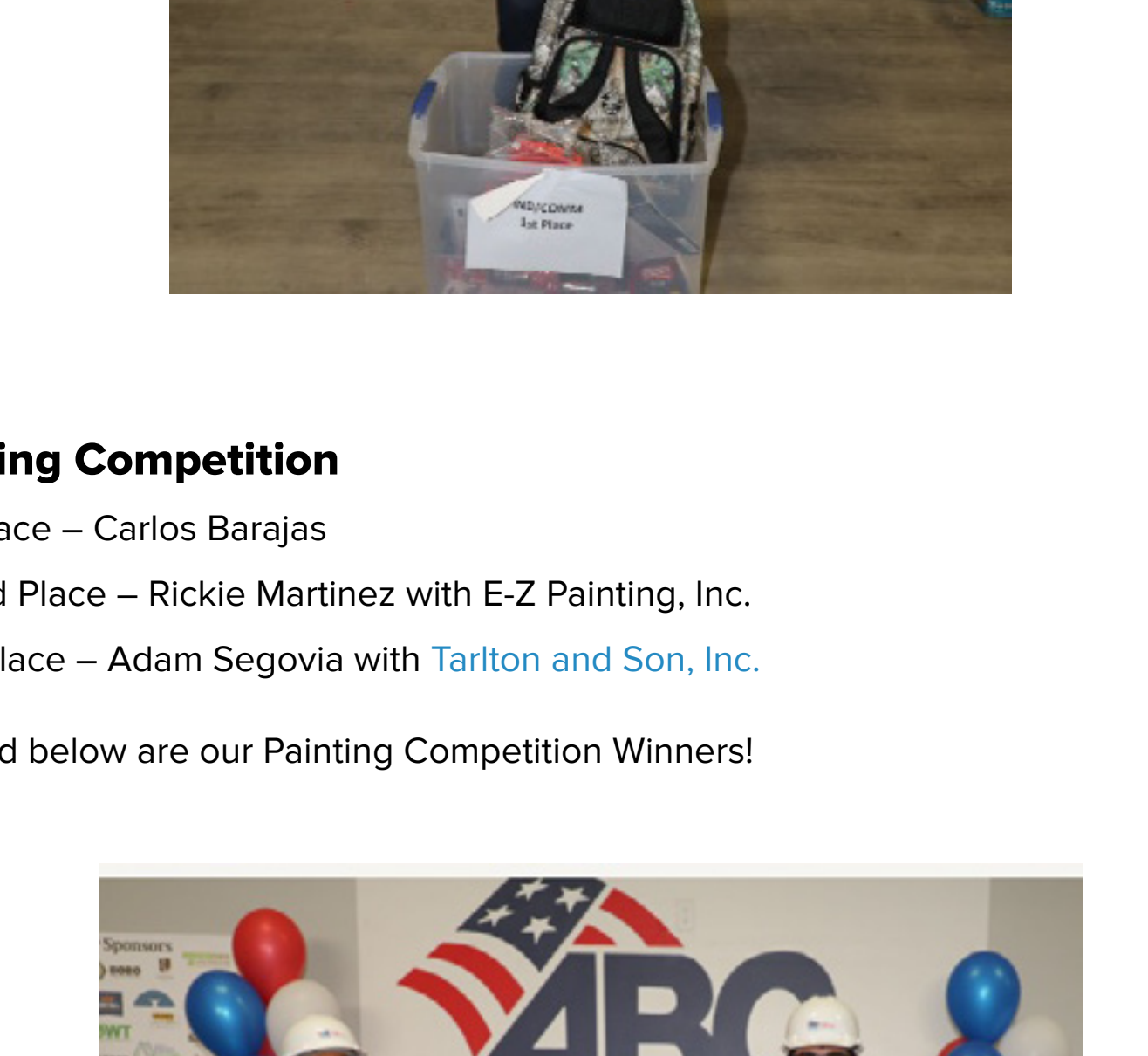
Electrical Commercial Residential Competition

First Place – Dominik Ruiz with [Acme Electric Company](#)

Second Place – Derek Dias with [Modesto Executive Electric, Inc.](#)

Third Place – Jordon Ames with [Bergelectric Corp.](#)

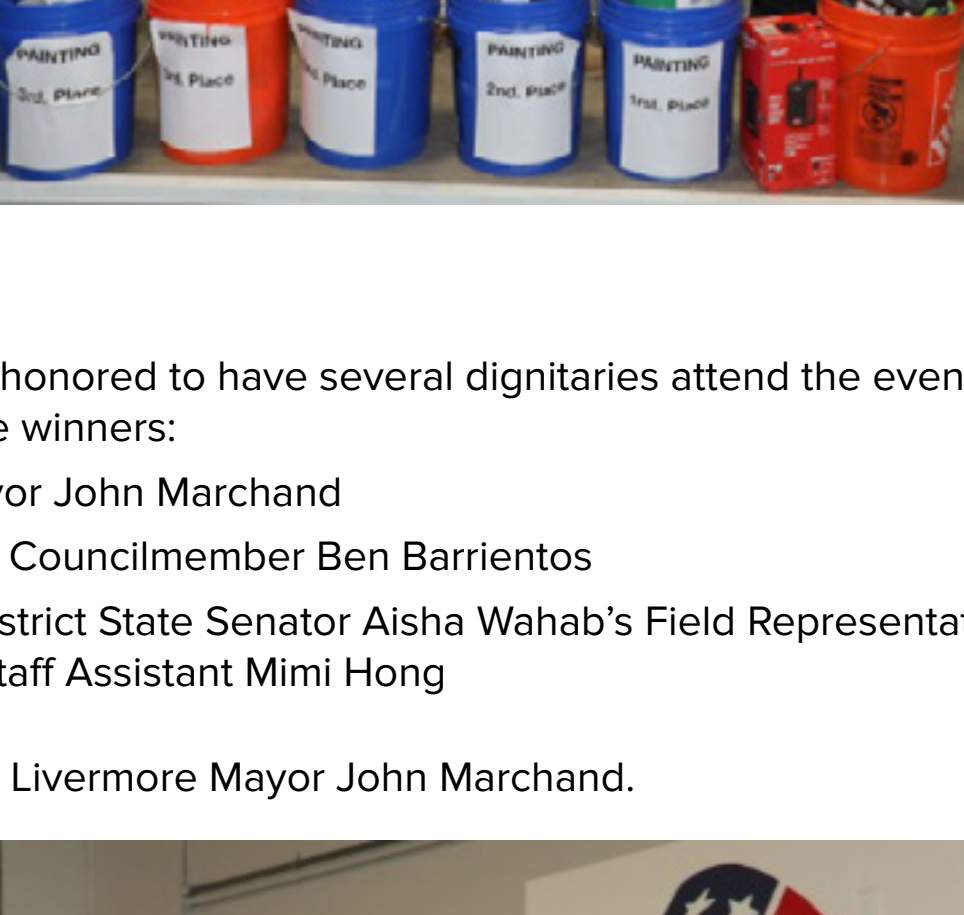
Pictured below are our Electrical Commercial Residential Competition Winners!



Electrical Industrial Commercial Competition

First Place – Anthony Foglia with [Royal Electric Company](#)

Pictured below is our Electrical Industrial Commercial Competition Winner!



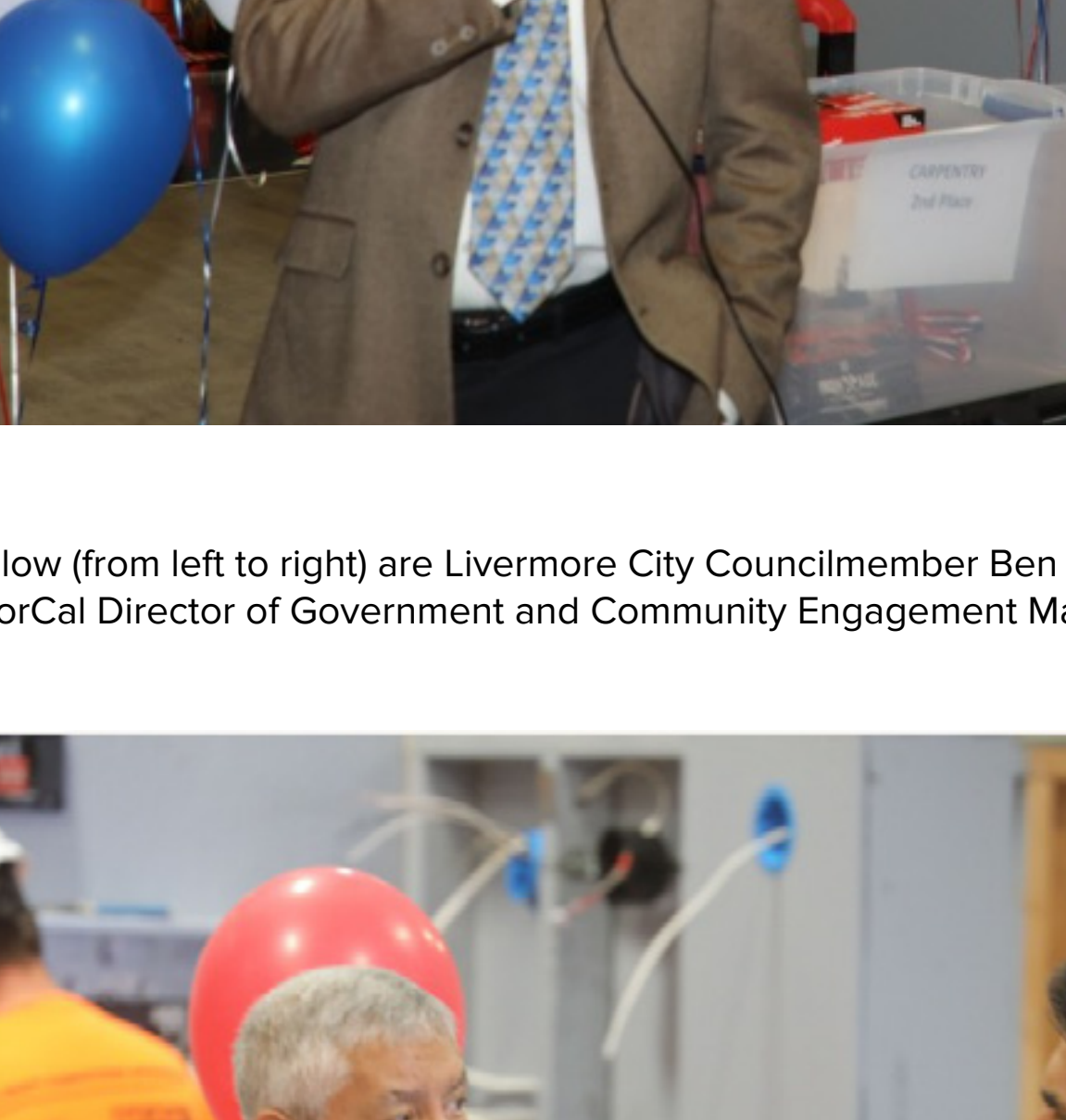
Painting Competition

First Place – Carlos Barajas

Second Place – Rickie Martinez with [E-Z Painting, Inc.](#)

Third Place – Adam Segovia with [Tarlton and Son, Inc.](#)

Pictured below are our Painting Competition Winners!



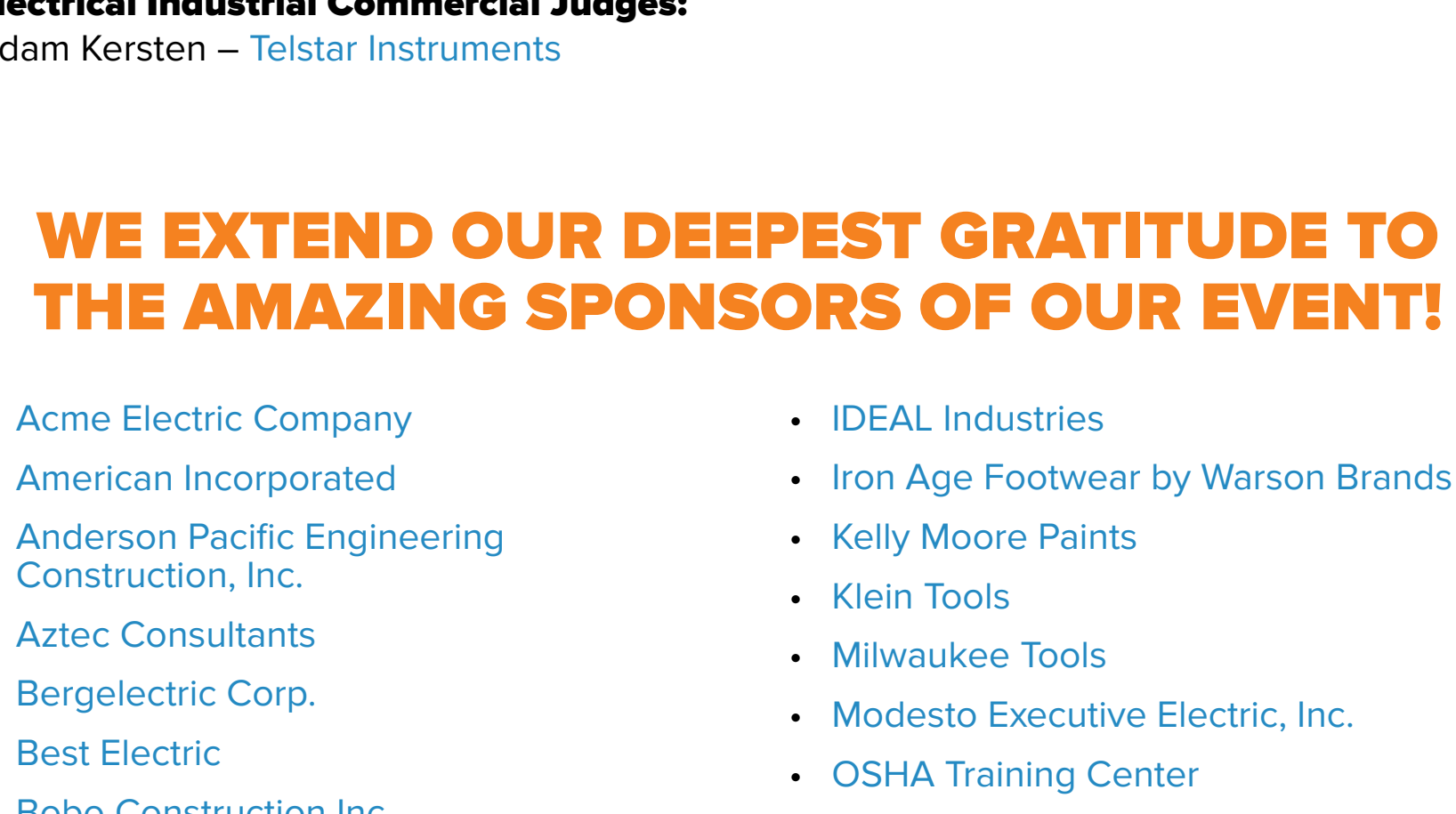
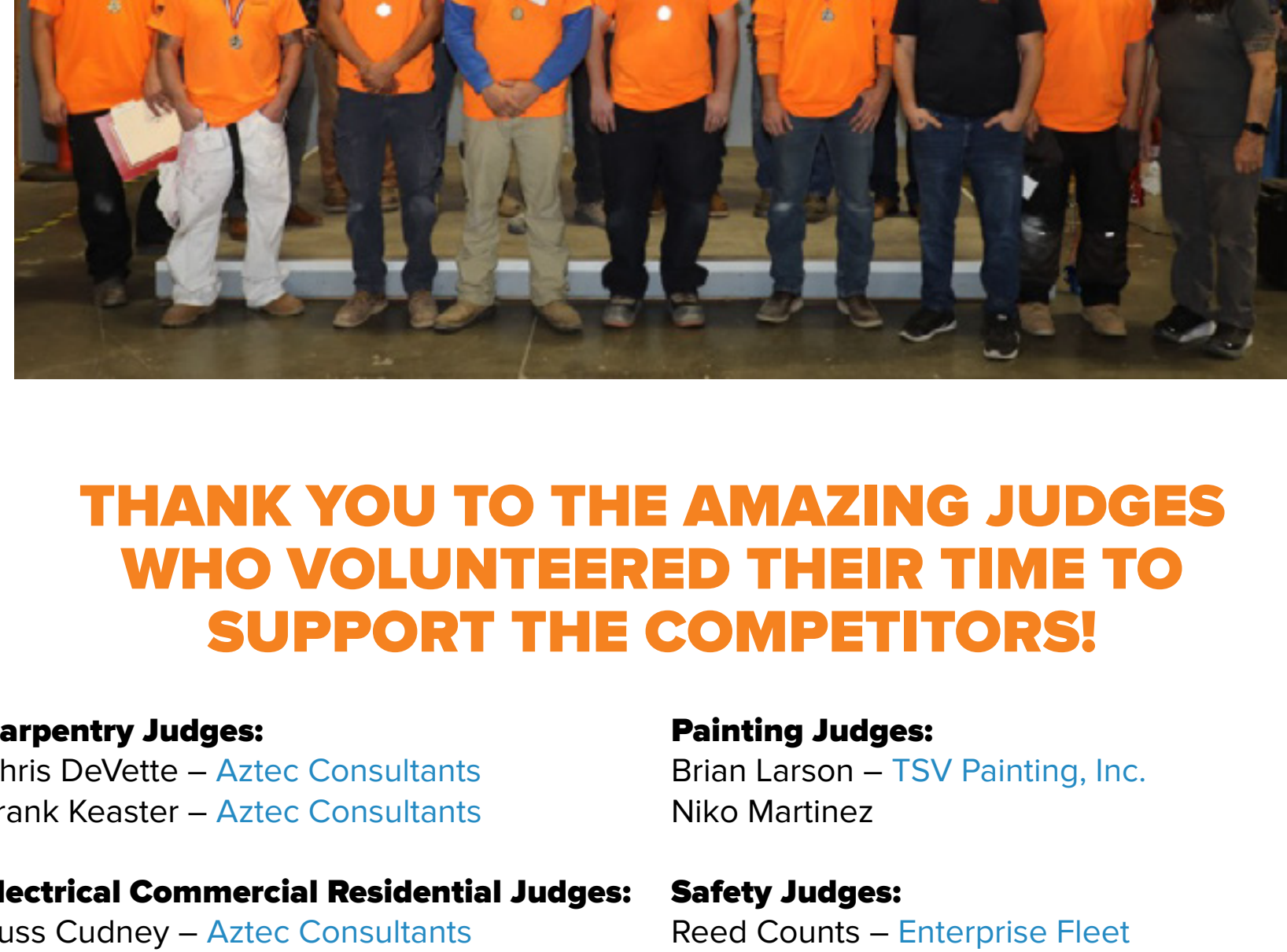
ABC NorCal was honored to have several dignitaries attend the event, who congratulated the winners:

- Livermore Mayor John Marchand
- Livermore City Councilmember Ben Barrientos
- 10th Senate District State Senator Aisha Wahab's Field Representative Martha Kreeger and Staff Assistant Mimi Hong

Pictured below is Livermore Mayor John Marchand.



Pictured below (from left to right) are Livermore City Councilmember Ben Barrientos and ABC NorCal Director of Government and Community Engagement Matthew Estipona.

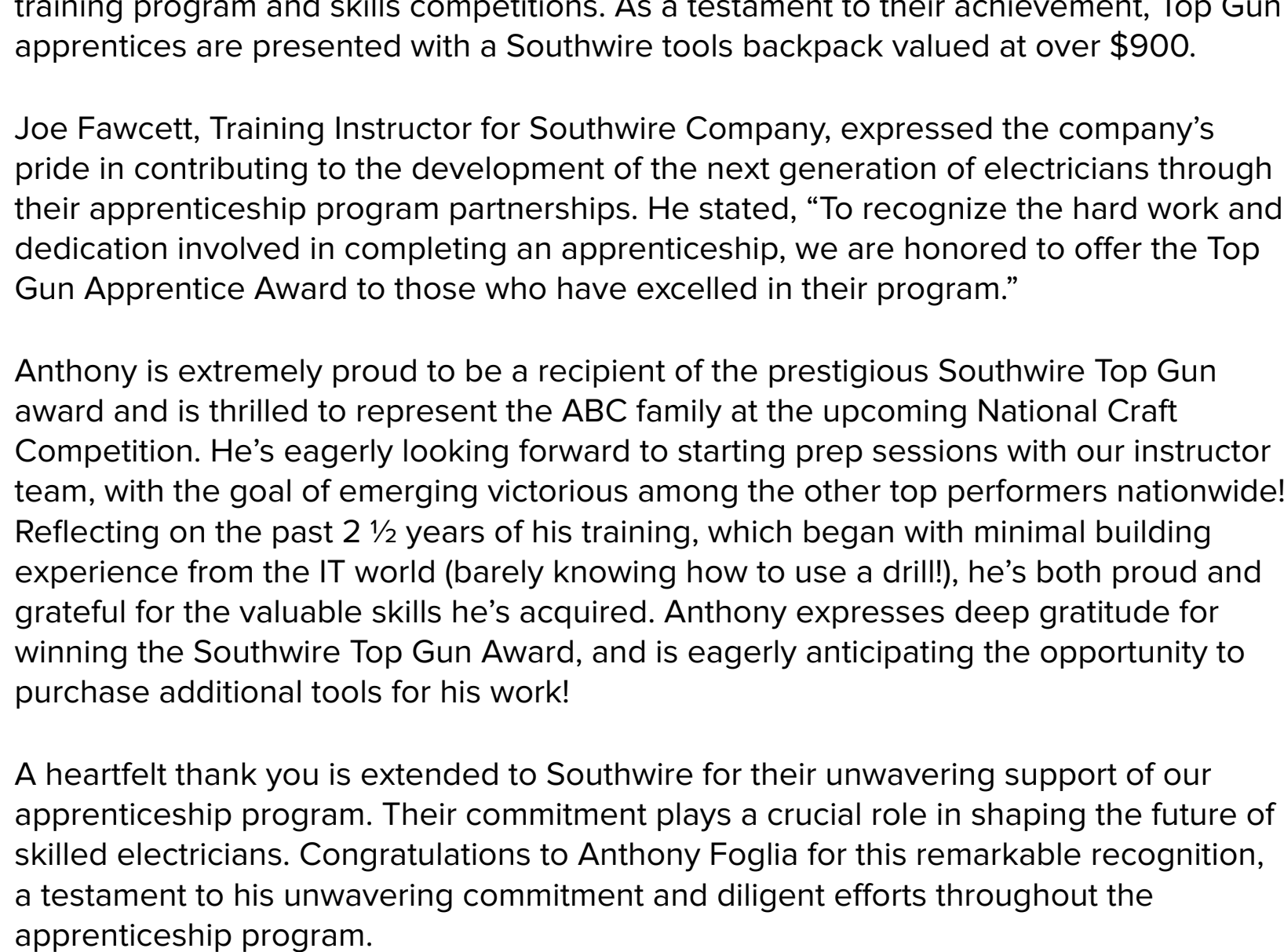


We extend our sincere thanks to our exceptional team of expert instructors, led by the outstanding Facilities Director Daniel Albano. Their unwavering dedication, comprehensive training and steadfast support have been the driving force behind the success of the craft competition. Without their invaluable guidance, this achievement would not have been possible. We are truly fortunate to have such a talented and committed team leading our apprentices to excellence.

We are thrilled to have our first ever Plumbing competitor—Jeff Ostrom with WWF Contractors Corp. Jeff will join the group of apprentices who will represent ABC NorCal at the 2024 National Craft Competition!

Stay tuned for the unfolding saga of craftsmanship, innovation and triumph as our local champions gear up for the ultimate challenge in Florida. The Northern California Chapter is not only sending representatives, it's sending a wave of inspiration that will resonate across the nation. This is not just a competition; it's a celebration of the unwavering spirit of our craft. The stage is set, the spotlight is on and the journey to glory has just begun!

Here are the 2023 Local Craft Competition Winners and ABC NorCal Instructors!



THANK YOU TO THE AMAZING JUDGES WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO SUPPORT THE COMPETITORS!

Carpentry Judges:

Chris DeVette – [Aztec Consultants](#)
Frank Keaster – [Aztec Consultants](#)

Electrical Commercial Residential Judges:

Russ Cudney – [Aztec Consultants](#)
Don Demesa – [Aztec Consultants](#)
David Lopez – [Canning Electric, Inc.](#)

Electrical Industrial Commercial Judges:

Adam Kersten – [Telstar Instruments](#)

Painting Judges:

Brian Larson – [TSV Painting, Inc.](#)
Niko Martinez

Safety Judges:

Reed Counts – [Enterprise Fleet Management](#)
Jacqueline Escala
Dennis Gallagher – [Eagle Wings Safety](#)

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ABC NorCal Electrical Apprentice Anthony Foglia, with [Royal Electric Company](#), who clinched the top spot in the Electrical Industrial Commercial competition at the ABC Northern California (ABC NorCal) 2023 Local Craft Competition, has recently been honored with the prestigious [Southwire](#) 2023 Top Gun Apprentice award.

Southwire is a renowned global supplier of wire and cable, and a provider of electrical tools, equipment and assembled products, including meters, extension cords and lighting. Southwire presents the Top Gun Apprentice award to commend exceptional performance among apprentices.

The Southwire Top Gun Apprentice award is crafted to honor the top electrical apprentice from each of Southwire's Industry Partner's training programs. Apprentices earn this prestigious title by consistently achieving high scores throughout their training program and skills competitions. As a testament to their achievement, Top Gun apprentices are presented with a Southwire tools backpack valued at over \$900.

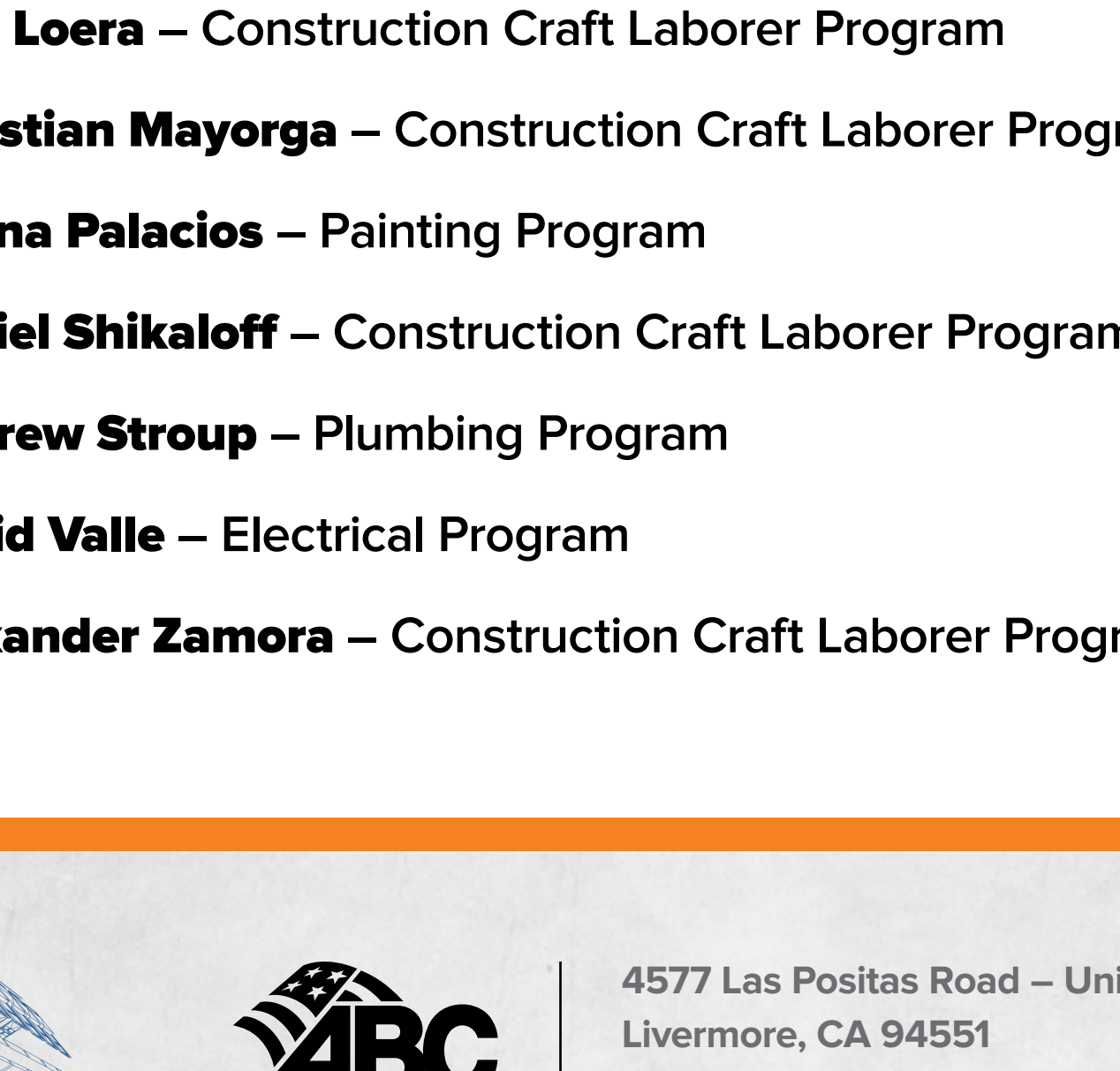
Joe Fawcett, Training Instructor for Southwire Company, expressed the company's pride in contributing to the development of the next generation of electricians through their apprenticeship program partnerships. He stated, "To recognize the hard work and dedication involved in completing an apprenticeship, we are honored to offer the Top Gun Apprentice Award to those who have excelled in their program."

Anthony is extremely proud to be a recipient of the prestigious Southwire Top Gun award and is thrilled to represent the ABC family at the upcoming National Craft Competition. He's eagerly looking forward to starting prep sessions with our instructor team, with the goal of emerging victorious among the other top performers nationwide!

Reflecting on the past 2 1/2 years of his training, which began with minimal building experience from the IT world (barely knowing how to use a drill!), he's both proud and grateful for the valuable skills he's acquired. Anthony expresses deep gratitude for winning the Southwire Top Gun Award, and is eagerly anticipating the opportunity to purchase additional tools for his work!

A heartfelt thank you is extended to Southwire for their unwavering support of our apprenticeship program. Their commitment plays a crucial role in shaping the future of skilled electricians. Congratulations to Anthony Foglia for this remarkable recognition, a testament to his unwavering commitment and diligent efforts throughout the apprenticeship program.

Pictured below are Joe Fawcett with Southwire Company and Southwire Top Gun Winner Anthony Foglia.



Some exciting program stats for November 2023:

- We received 127 new applications for the apprenticeship program.
- We dispatched 36 apprentices to our ABC NorCal contractors!
- We held 17 apprenticeship classes.

Also, so far in 2023...

- We have registered 226 new apprentices in the apprenticeship program!
- We have graduated 71 apprentices! This means that the ABC NorCal Contractors have 71 additional skilled and trained journeyworkers!



Congratulations to Our November 2023 Apprentice Graduates!

- **Joshua Blume** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Moises Castillo** – Electrical Program
- **Karhung Chan** – Electrical Program
- **Jacob Church** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Giovanni Cruz** – Electrical Program
- **Juan Estrada** – Electrical Program
- **Timothy Gozdoff** – Plumbing Program
- **Austin Grotkin** – Electrical Program
- **Noel Ibarra** – Electrical Program
- **Juan Pablo Jimenez** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Vincent Kong** – Electrical Program
- **Samuel Martin** – Electrical Program
- **Travis Moon** – Electrical Program
- **Brett Nelson** – Carpentry Program
- **Tony Ngov** – Electrical Program
- **Douglas Niko** – Electrical Program
- **Jose Ruiz** – Painting Program
- **Alejandro Salcedo** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Mark Shubin** – Electrical Program
- **Brandon Stoddart** – Electrical Program

Welcome new apprentices!

ABC NorCal would like to welcome the new apprentice who joined the apprenticeship program in November 2023:

- **Carl Benard** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **LaDell Bingmon** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Gabriel Garcia Ponce** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Jacob Hayes** – Electrical Program
- **Ivan Loera** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Christian Mayorga** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Karina Palacios** – Painting Program
- **Daniel Shikaloff** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Andrew Stroup** – Plumbing Program
- **David Valle** – Electrical Program
- **Alexander Zamora** – Construction Craft Laborer Program



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