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Welcome Apprenticeship Navigators



Last fall, the ApprenticeshipTexas team welcomed six Apprenticeship Navigators to regions across the state, including Arlington, Austin, Corsicana, El Paso, Houston, and McAllen.

On April 1, five new navigators were added in Brownsville, Dallas, Fort Worth, McKinney, and Waco. Apprenticeship Navigators play a critical role in engaging with employers and encouraging them to start new Registered Apprenticeship Programs. Additionally, they work with local partners to increase and diversify participation in existing apprenticeship programs. We are thrilled to welcome this talented group and excited to work closely with them in creating solutions for employers and opportunities for jobseekers.

Growing pre-apprenticeship programs

This month, TWC announced the availability of \$1.1 million to support comprehensive approaches to creating or expanding pre-apprenticeship programs for youth and adults across Texas. The maximum request amount for this funding opportunity is \$200,000 and the application deadline is May 24, 2021. Read the complete Request for Applications [here](#).

The 2021 Virtual Workforce Forum

The Texas Workforce Commission Workforce Forum was created to encourage collaboration among workforce staff, educators, business partners, and key stakeholders. Forum presenters share best practices and offer information to enhance workforce services and better serve our customers, employers, and participants.

This year, the ApprenticeshipTexas team worked closely with South Texas College in the creation of a workshop dedicated to Registered Apprenticeship Program development and expansion. Join us on April 20 at 3:30 PM to learn

more from

Dr. Carlos Margo, Associate Dean of the South Texas College Office of Industry Training and Economic Development, along with a panel of key stakeholders.

[Register here.](#)

Apprenticeship in the news



[TWC participates in SXSW Edu](#)

[Bombardier, Texas State Technical College \(TSTC\) Celebrate Official Registration of Bombardier Aviation Apprenticeship Program \(BAAP\)](#)

[Austin needs more plumbers and other skilled trade workers. Now, residents can get paid to train into one of these careers](#)

[Learn and Earn: Dallas College Manufacturing apprenticeship program provides pathway to success](#)

[Texas Southmost College enters into new partnership to create jobs](#)

Partner Spotlight

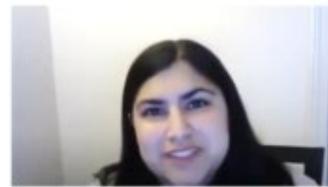
TWC partners from the South Texas Electrical JATC and St. Phillips College are teaming up with the San Antonio Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America for the City of San Antonio's SA: Ready to Work Program. Check out the video below to learn more about this four-year, \$154 million program that will

help residents gain access to workforce training, certificate programs, and college courses in two and four-year degree programs.



In case you missed it

The ApprenticeshipTexas team hosted three virtual town halls to share updates and highlight best practices. If you were unable to attend and would like to review the presentations, check out the recordings, PowerPoint slides, and question and answer documents below.



September 17 Town Hall [Town Hall Power Point](#) [View the Town Hall Video](#)
November 11 Town Hall [Town Hall Power Point](#) [View the Town Hall Video](#)
February 25 Town Hall [Town Hall Power Point](#) [View the Town Hall Video](#)

Continuous improvement

We hope that this newsletter is a vehicle for inspiration and collaboration for our readers. To that end, this section will include some of the helpful resources we have discovered from our partners.

[Apprenticeship 101: An Introduction to Apprenticeship](#) from Workforce GPS

[A Targeted Approach to Apprenticeship](#) from Workforce GPS

[Delivering Apprenticeship Virtually](#) from the U.S. Department of Labor

Save the date



Mark your calendar for the 4th Annual ApprenticeshipTexas Conference September 23-24, 2021! Additional details coming soon.



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