

## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation is hosting its first ever Virtual Celebration for National Apprenticeship Week

Carson City, NV – The Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN) announced they will be celebrating the U.S. Department of Labor's sixth annual National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) with a virtual event to be held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 AM.

NAW was established by the U.S. Department of Labor to celebrate the impact apprenticeships have in helping Americans learn skills for jobs in growing industries. Hundreds of NAW events and activities will be taking place all over the county and include open houses, skill competitions, community forums, apprentice graduations, business open houses, high school and college career fairs, apprenticeship signing days, industry roundtable events and more.

The OWINN team firmly believes that apprenticeship is a proven way for our communities to obtain the skills and knowledge that will enable them to pursue careers and find a life that works for them. We are proud to support National Apprenticeship Week and to showcase the impact this model has on moving talent from education to meaningful career.

OWINN was recently awarded an additional \$450,000 by the U.S. Department of Labor to continue efforts in expanding Registered Apprenticeship (RA) in Nevada. OWINN continues to engage with partners to help support statewide activities that serve, improve, and expand the RA model. Apprenticeships are different from other types of work-based learning because they include paid job experience—apprentices earn a progressively increasing competitive wage from their employer during training – as well as structured on-the-job training, classroom learning and instruction from experienced mentors on the critical aspects of their craft ,and the opportunity to earn credentials that are portable and nationally-recognized within their industry.

OWINNs first virtual event will host apprenticeship programs and apprentices and will focus on both traditional programs in occupations such as electrician, plumber, and the construction trades including a segment on women in the trades, as well as non-traditional fields like healthcare and information technology.. OWINN is opening the event to all interested teachers, students, counselors, community members, families, and the public. The event will be recorded and shared out after the scheduled event.

To participate in this National Apprenticeship Week event, visit [www.lifeworksnv.org/events/](http://www.lifeworksnv.org/events/)

### **About OWINN**

The Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN) helps drive a skilled, diverse, and aligned workforce in the state of Nevada by promoting collaboration and cooperation among key entities focused on workforce development. OWINN works to address Nevada's workforce needs by leveraging labor-market data, scaling career pathways that lead to industry-recognized credentials, expanding apprenticeships and work-based learning, and designing responsive workforce policies.

### **About National Apprenticeship Week**

NAW is a nationwide celebration that offers leaders in business, labor, education, and other critical partners a chance to express their support of apprenticeship. NAW also gives apprenticeship partners the opportunity to showcase their programs, facilities, and apprentices in their community. The events highlight the benefits of preparing a highly skilled workforce to meet the talent needs of job creators across diverse industries. For more information, visit [apprenticeship.gov/NAW](http://apprenticeship.gov/NAW).