

**This Week in the History of The Apprentice School  
at Newport News Shipbuilding  
February 17, 2019**



**Date            Event**

2/17/1934    A retirement dinner for Charles Franklin Bailey was held on February 17, 1934 at the James River Country Club in Newport News. Bailey was Director of Engineering and an original member of the School's Educational Advisory Committee when established in 1919. At graduation an award in honor of Mr. Bailey is given to the apprentices with the highest average in required courses.



2/20/2016    The Honorable Tim Kaine, United States Senate, Commonwealth of Virginia, delivered the commencement address to the Class of 2015. Senator Kaine, a supporter of workforce development and apprenticeship, had toured the school on August 27, 2014. This class included Shanae Hilliard, the first female and 113th Molder Apprentice to complete this apprenticeship serving Foundry Operations. Shanae also excelled as a player on the Women's Basketball team during her apprenticeship.



2/22/1991    Glenn D. Heath, Apprentice School Academic Instructor in Drafting and legendary Golf Coach, was inducted into the Apprentice Alumni Association as an Honorary Alumnus. The annual Glenn Heath Shipbuilders Memorial Golf Tournament for NCAA Division III-level colleges and hosted by The Apprentice School is played in his memory.



2/23/1937    The 1936-37 basketball team took the championship trophy in the State A. A. U. (Amateur Athletic Union) tournament and went on to the National A. A. U. tournament in Denver, Colorado, where they lost to Oklahoma City Teachers College.





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February 3, 2019**



**Date            Event**

2/5/2010      Everett Jordan "Class of 1977" became the eighth Director of the Apprentice School and the second graduate to lead the school.



2/9/1943      The official seal of The Apprentice School was created by Richard B. "Dick" Poythress "Class of 1937." It has endured unchanged to this day.



2/9/2008      The Honorable Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy, delivered the commencement address to the Class of 2007. Dr. Winter served as secretary from January 2006 through March 2009.



## This Week in the History of The Apprentice School at Newport News Shipbuilding

January 27, 2019



**Date**      **Event**

1/29/1988      The Class of 1987 was the first graduating class to wear caps and gowns for the graduation ceremony, a practice which has continued to this day.



1/30/1987      The class of 1986 had 255 graduates the largest class in the history of the school.

1/31/1972      Kathleen Agnes Thomason was the first female to begin in The Apprentice School.

2/1/1976      Dr. James E. Wallace became the Director of Training and Development and the sixth to lead the school.



**This Week in the History of The Apprentice School  
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January 20, 2019



**Date**            **Event**

1/23/1913      Niels Christiansen was appointed Superintendent of Machinery, Newport News Shipbuilding. In 1942 the Craftsmanship Award was named after him and given to the graduate from each craft area with the highest average shop grade.



1/23/1998      John M. Burke, Vice President, Mobil Shipping and Transportation, was the commencement speaker for the Class of 1997. Jay Burke was an Apprentice School graduate "Class of 1960" and Academic Instructor during his working years at NNS. His company purchased one of the Double Eagle tankers built in the 1990's.



1/24/1963      Fairmount R. "Monk" White, Director of Education and Training, were inducted into the Apprentice Alumni Association as Honorary Alumni. White was undoubtedly one of the best-loved coaches, teachers, and administrators in School history. Known for his humor and witticism, and his ability to give "advice that stuck" with apprentices.



**This Week in the History of The Apprentice School  
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January 13, 2019**



**Date            Event**

1/14/1938      The first graduation exercise was held in the Athletic building. Homer L. Ferguson was the commencement Speaker.



1/17/1964      Admiral Arleigh Burke (retired) gave the commencement address for the class of 1963. The Arleigh Burke class Guided Missile Destroyers were named after him.



1/19/1955      Alvin Duke Chandler, President of the College of William and Mary, gave the commencement speech for the class of 1954. As a retired Vice-Admiral Mr. Chandler had a connection with the products built by the Apprentices of NNS.



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January 6, 2019**



**Date            Event**

1/7/1985        Dr. James H. Hughes was hired as the Manager of Curriculum and Instruction. During his tenure both the Advanced Associate degree programs and the PDP Bachelor in Engineering programs were established in partnership with TNCC, TCC, and ODU. Dr. Hughes retired in 2015.



1/8/1981        Six Apprentice graduates began preparations to become STE's without having first obtained their engineering degree. They underwent a rigorous training program at the Apprentice School to ensure they could pass STE School. All six did pass, paving the way for many more Apprentice graduates without engineering degrees to become STE's.



1/10/1948        The Apprentice Alumni Association gave the first Homer L. Ferguson Award to Maynard L. Wood, Jr. for being the graduate with the highest combined academic and craft grades. He retired 1985 as a Senior Design Supervisor in the Plant Engineering Department.



1/11/1956        William W. Hunter, Jr., an Electrical Designer Apprentice, won the first G. Guy Via Award for highest scholastic achievement in the advanced program. The award was named after the first director of the school who had passed in 1952.



**This Week in the History of The Apprentice School  
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January 1, 2019**



**Date            Event**

1/1/1992        W.R. "Pat" Phillips, Jr. "Class of 1954" was named President and CEO of NNS (1992-1996). Pat was the first and only Apprentice Graduate to date to rise to the level of President.



1/2/1934        The Apprentice Athletic Building was opened on Washington Ave. The company paid for the materials and for the building to be roughed in, but Apprentices completed the interior on their own time. It was closed in 1971 to make way for Building 2.



1/3/1942        The 1941 Binnacle "The Apprentice School Yearbook" was published. This first Binnacle was dedicated to Charles F. Bailey who retired in 1934, but was known as "The Godfather of the Apprentices."

