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## **Ryan Foster Receives Apprentice of the Year Award From the Electrical Council of Florida**

**SARASOTA, FL (April 24, 2003)** – The designation of Apprentice of the Year was awarded to **Ryan Foster**, of S&S Electric Co., Inc. by the Electric Council of Florida (ECF). Foster received the award at the annual ECF Apprentice Awards Banquet held in the Potter Building at the Sarasota County Fairgrounds on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The event was held to recognize the achievements of the ECF Apprentices located on four campuses (Manatee Technical Institute, Bradenton; Sarasota County Technical Institute, Sarasota; Sarasota County Technical Institute, Venice; Charlotte Vocational Technical Center, Port Charlotte) throughout Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

The primary purpose of the banquet was to recognize the fourth year apprentices who were graduating the program with their Journeyman's License. In addition, an Apprentice of the Year was named for each of the four grade levels. With a grade point average of 99.45%, Ryan Foster, excelled above his 51 classmates from all 4 campuses to take the award for the First Year class. In addition to receiving a certificate acknowledging his accomplishments, Foster received a Tool Belt with a complete set of Ideal tools and \$250 in cash from ECF, and he received a set of Kline Tools from S&S Electric; hopefully Ryan will share his wealth of tools with his fellow apprentices who challenged and encouraged him to work hard in the program. In addition to Foster, the following S&S Electric apprentices were recognized for completing the first year of the ECF program: David Lapenckas, Mikhail Korneyev, Brian Rumisek, and Marek Konecny.

### **About Apprenticeship**

Apprenticeship is an education and training system that teaches trade knowledge and skills through on-the-job training and formal classroom instruction. S&S Electric has partnered with various organizations, including the Electrical Council of Florida (ECF), the Independent Electrical Contractors Association (IEC), and the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association (RACCA), to provide Registered Apprenticeship opportunities to its employees. These Registered Apprenticeship programs are regulated by the State of Florida Department of Labor and Education and are designed to assist students by increasing their knowledge in the trade.

Apprenticeship requires Commitment, Perseverance and Dedication to the trade. Through the above organizations, S&S Electric offers various Air Conditioning and Electrical Apprenticeship programs that range from 2½ to 4 years. These programs meet two nights a week for 3 hours each night, and attendance is mandated by the state to successfully complete the program. The Apprenticeship Program is important in that it gives participants confidence in the work they do and also allows them to grow within the company to other positions. If you are interested in enrolling in a State Registered Apprenticeship program, contact the Human Resources Department. Or download the application at our website [www.ss-electric.com/apprenticeship](http://www.ss-electric.com/apprenticeship).

### **About ECF**

ECF is a non-profit trade association, dedicated to unify and strengthen all segments of Florida's growing electrical industry, through education, communication, and cooperation. Founded in 1961, the organization is the only trade association to include members from all area of the industry, including contractors, inspectors, utilities, and vendors.

### **About S&S Electric Co., Inc.**

Installing confidence since 1947, S&S Electric Co., Inc. is West Central Florida's premier home systems contractor for many of the nation's top homebuilders. With more than 250 employees and offices in Oldsmar, Tampa, Sarasota and Naples, the company installs over 3,500 systems in homes annually. S&S Electric's extensive service offering includes Electrical, Air Conditioning, and Structured Cabling Systems, as well as the expertise of an award-winning team of designers, installers and technicians recognized throughout the industry for providing customers with value-added, reliable, quality system installations.

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