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## **FSPA's Workforce Development Initiative takes Major Step**

SARASOTA, FL - [The Florida Swimming Pool Association](http://TheFloridaSwimmingPoolAssociation.com) (FSPA) announced that their Apprenticeship Program has been approved to participate in the [State of Florida's Apprenticeship System](#). This FSPA initiative aims to produce well-trained, highly skilled swimming pool and spa service technicians.

This is the first swimming pool and spa related apprenticeship program in the nation.

“The Florida Swimming Pool Association plays a pivotal role in securing Florida’s future,” said Florida Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran. “Quality teachers are the single most important factor contributing to student outcomes, and your (FSPA) association’s apprentice mentors will take on that crucial role.”

FSPA’s Swimming Pool and Spa Servicing Apprenticeship Program will identify members who own a swimming pool service company and match them with apprentices who are eager to enter the industry.

“This all could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of FSPA’s Education Program Manager,” said David Pruette, FSPA President. “The staff has a passion and commitment to filling workforce demands in our industry and our future swimming pool professionals are going to be better off because of their efforts.”

Florida’s registered apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and apply industry standards to training programs for registered apprentices which can increase productivity and improve the quality of the workforce. Certifications earned through registered apprenticeship programs are recognized nationwide.

“FSPA’s Swimming Pool and Spa Servicing Apprenticeship Program will provide members of our association with a powerful means of engaging untapped talent,” said FSPA Executive Director. “We need to replace the aging workforce in our industry and prepare the future generation of swimming pool and spa service technicians to ensure our field continues to thrive in Florida.”

The Florida Swimming Pool Association, based in Sarasota, connects consumers with member pool companies, provides government affairs representation on behalf of its members and provides comprehensive educational programs for industry professionals.

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The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are approximately 700 member businesses in 14 Chapters across the state. Members are required to abide by a code of ethics and to be properly licensed and insured. FSPA provides the industry with access to continuing education courses, information on

current trends and issues, and an arbitration program and government relations representation. FSPA is governed by a Board of Directors.

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