Welcome to the first issue of the Scaling Apprenticeship Community Newsletter. The newsletter will serve as a monthly updated online community board for the 23 grantees of the Scaling Apprenticeship through Sector-Based Strategies grant program. It will present Scaling Apprenticeship grantees to their peers, disseminate information on technical assistance activities of interest as well as events in the apprenticeship and workforce development space, and highlight apprenticeship coverage in the media. We would be delighted to hear from you, so please send us news of upcoming events that your peers would like to know. We also would like to hear of your project accomplishments or topics you would like the newsletter to cover. We are looking forward to being your trusted source for Scaling Apprenticeship news. Please contact us at ScalingApprenticeship@dol.gov with your feedback.

Grantee Spotlight: Get to know your peers
In this edition, we spotlight, Weber State University, Pennsylvania College of Technology and the Dallas County Community College District.

Scaling Apprenticeship Technical Assistance Updates
Updates on the Scaling Apprenticeship Community website, Tools for Success Webinar and Industry Sector Group Calls

Events of Interest

Apprenticeship In The News
There is huge momentum for apprenticeship programs around the country. Here is a small sample of news items highlighting apprenticeship developments in the United States.
- Seeking Tech Talent, Companies Kickstart Apprenticeship Program (Wall Street Journal)
- Apprenticeship Is Back—And It’s About Time (Forbes)
- Maryland’s proposed 2021 budget sets aside $3 million for state’s apprenticeship program (Cumberland Times-News)
Grantee Spotlight: Getting to know your peers

In each edition, we provide a brief overview of Scaling Apprenticeship grantees, one focused on each industry H-1B sector of IT, Advanced Manufacturing and Healthcare.

**Information Technology**

**Weber State University’s** Utah Computing Apprenticeship (UCAC) project seeks to establish Utah’s first comprehensive apprenticeship model in Information Technology (IT). The project is building on several current initiatives, including a pilot apprenticeship program designed to address the IT workforce shortage in Utah and a separate, but aligned IT Pathways project, which is formalizing articulation from secondary schools to technical colleges to higher education institutions. UCAC is also tailoring a virtual model to provide training opportunities to rural students, especially in areas facing teacher shortages.

**Advanced Manufacturing**

**Pennsylvania College of Technology**

Pennsylvania College of Technology’s MIDAS (Modular, Industry-Driven Apprenticeship Strategies) project is working to reinvent apprenticeship models to meet employer demand for advanced manufacturing occupations in PA, NJ, NY and nationwide. MIDAS is also retrofitting and expanding existing registered apprenticeship programs in Mechatronics, Computer Numerical Control (CNC), and Industrial Manufacturing, as well as establishing new ones in specialty advanced manufacturing industries, such as Plastics Process Technician, Biological Technician, and Light Metals Machinists and Welders.

**Healthcare**

**Dallas County Community College District’s** You’re Hired! initiative is building new competency-based apprenticeships for major hospital systems and expanding apprenticeships within more than 50 clinical and non-clinical occupations in the healthcare industry. Based on requests from its employer partners and national industry partner, the American Hospital Association (AHA), is expanding existing apprenticeship programs in 21 occupations, including a Registered Nurse apprenticeship; and creating 28 “new occupation apprenticeship” programs, in Biomedical 3D Printing Technician, Cath Lab Technician, and Flight Medic occupations.
Scaling Apprenticeship TA Updates

Sign up for our Community on WorkforceGPS. This month, we launched the Scaling Apprenticeship Community website. Make sure to register with WorkforceGPS to take full advantage of events and resources available to grantees.

Tools for Success. Catch up with our TA launch webinar and learn more about our technical assistance team. Make sure to review the Scaling Apprenticeship Success Indicators to help gauge your progress and increase your grant chances of success.

Industry Sector Calls. In February we launched monthly industry-specific group calls. You will get to know grantees working in the same industry sector as your grant and share knowledge, experience and insights to help move your project forward. Be on the lookout for an invitation from the Scaling Apprenticeship mailbox, and check out the blog post after each discussion session.

Welcome to H-1B Scaling Apprenticeship Community

The H-1B Scaling Apprenticeship through Sector-Based Strategies grant program supports sector-based approaches to expanding apprenticeship on a national scale and increases apprenticeship opportunities for all Americans. This virtual community is designed to provide Scaling Apprenticeship grantees with a place to interact with your grant peers and access the latest program technical assistance and resources designed to help you successfully implement your grant.

Featured Content

H-1B Scaling Apprenticeship Performance Reporting...
Posted On • Jan 08, 2020

Key Grantee Performance Reporting Resources (Part...
Posted On • Jan 23, 2020
These resources will help you troubleshoot common reporting challenges and report accurately to ensure that that you are able to submit compliant quarterly performance reports and track your progress. Click on related content to find these resources.

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Visit h1bsa.workforcegps.org today!
Events of Interest

Many professional conferences in our field and related areas offer insights in the development and operation of apprenticeship programs. We picked a few upcoming events that may pique your interest. If you are considering using grant funds to participate in any of these events, you must ensure that attendance is consistent with your SOW and approved budget.

National Association of Workforce Boards Forum 2020
Washington, DC
March 21-24, 2020
NAWB represents hundreds of Workforce Development Boards and their business members that coordinate and leverage workforce strategies with education and economic development. The Forum is where workforce development professionals and leaders in business, government, labor, and education gather to gain insights into the current state of our nation’s workforce system and consider the goals and policy framework affecting the future of human capital development.

COABE 2020
Baltimore, MD
April 5-8, 2020
COABE is the premier adult education practitioner conference. It provides leadership, communication, professional development, and advocacy for adult education and literacy practitioners. This year’s conference will host three apprenticeship sessions over two days.

National Career Pathways Network Conference
Atlanta, GA
Oct. 15-17, 2020
NCPN is dedicated to the advancement of Career Pathways, career technical education (CTE), and workforce development initiatives.

These events are not sponsored by DOL.