

**BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL 9
PA JOINT APPRENTICE & TRAINING FUND**



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Dear Guidance Counselors,

I would like to introduce myself as the Apprentice Coordinator for Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 9 PA. We are a labor union that covers the western half of Pennsylvania. We offer numerous trades such as bricklayers, tile setters/finishers, terrazzo workers, stonemasons, and PCC (pointer-caulker-cleaner). With our 4-year apprenticeship program, we provide apprentices with free class related training, as well as paid on the job training, which leads to long-term successful career paths.

We would like to bring awareness to your students about the career opportunities within trade unions. When exploring possible career choices, we can provide important information. Apprentices will have beginning wages of \$21-\$26 per hour plus benefits, with an increase to \$37 per hour plus benefits over their 4-year, "Earn as you learn apprenticeship". The recently passed infrastructure bill will add to the already high demand for skilled labor in our area. The opportunities for high paying and long-term careers will peak over the next several years.

If your school would welcome us to take part in a career fair, or hold a presentation for your students about our union and the career paths available, please contact me at 412-825-0923, or send me an email at anthonyjoseph@baclocal9.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony Joseph".

Anthony Joseph
Apprentice and Training Coordinator