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Napoleon's Jill Johnson Receives JCCA Scholarship; plans to study Construction Management

Jackson, Mich.—**Napoleon senior and Career Center construction student Jill Johnson** has embraced her experience as a non-traditional student, and confronted many stereotypes that lay before her when she signed on for the Career Center's construction program as a junior. That hard work has paid off, as she was recently selected as the recipient of the annual Commercial Contractor's Association Scholarship.

Johnson became interested in the construction class during tours of the Career Center in 8th grade, and has grown up watching and helping her father with remodeling work. During her two years in the program, she worked diligently to make the most of her position as one of the few female students in the program.

"Here I learned to work with all the guys in the class. It taught me project management, leadership, and organizational skills," said Johnson. "I loved this class, I wouldn't take it back. The teachers are like mentors, and the program has a lot of hands-on work in electrical, heating, and hanging drywall. It prepared me for real-life scenarios."

Johnson's accomplishments exceed the recent scholarship. This year, she also took home the Silver in SkillUSA Technical Math Competition. As she prepares for graduation, Jill looks forward to heading off to Ferris State University on an academic scholarship, with plans to study Construction Management.

The construction program at Jackson Area Career Center has been preparing students for the workforce for over 30 years. More than 3,000 students have taken advantage of the skills training available at the center and over 30 homes have been built by Career Center students in the Jackson community.

For more information about this and other programs at Jackson Area Career Center go to www.jacc-mi.net.

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Photo: Jill Johnson (center) following her acceptance of this year's Commercial Contractor's Association Scholarship.