

## **Dekalb High – North Grad Finds Rewarding Career at BBH Electric**

Six years after graduating from the excellent construction program at Dekalb High School of Technology-North., Quincy R. Quarles surprised his former construction teacher, Mr. Calvin Gray at the CEFGA Accreditation Awards Program. Quincy was a surprise guest during the awards program.

Quincy came back to thank Mr. Gray and to show him that his hard work as his teacher paid off. Quincy also impressed about 200 students at the Awards Program for Dekalb High School with his accomplishments. The students were able to see a living example that the construction training program at Dekalb High School really works!

“I wanted a trade and an opportunity to make good money”, states Quincy on what motivated him to get into construction. Quincy has fulfilled both of his goals at the tender age of 25 years old, by making \$25.75 an hour as a journeymen electrician at Brooks-Berry-Haynie & Associates, Inc., an electrical contractor based in Mableton GA.



Quincy enjoys bowling, shooting pool and helping his family. He is a quiet, respectful young man who exudes “know how”. Quincy’s parents feel good about his career and think that he made an excellent choice.

At a career fair sponsored by Dekalb High School North, Quincy met representatives from Brooks-Berry-Haynie. For six years Quincy has worked on numerous commercial projects including Concourse E for the Department of Transportation. Quincy enjoys the challenges of his projects.

A foreman for Brooks-Berry-Haynie, David Holcomb, says “Quincy is a very diligent and hard worker. He shows up on time. Quincy went beyond his training in school by getting his CDL license. By getting this license, Quincy is a more valuable employee.”

Chuck Little with the Atlanta Electrical Contractors Association (AECA) introduced Quincy to the AEJATC apprenticeship program. AEJATC stands for the Atlanta Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. The training is funded by contractors and jointly administered by AECA and IBEW. After encouragement from Calvin and the Dekalb High staff, he passed the test to enter the five-year apprenticeship program at IBEW. He was able to work full-time and attend school part-time.



*Quincy Quarles (left) with construction teacher Calvin Gray, displaying Dekalb High School – North’s CEFGA Accreditation Certificate.*

After receiving some informal training in cabinetmaking, Quincy received his training exclusively through the construction program at Dekalb High School in 2000. Mr. Gray states that “Quincy showed leadership skills from the outset. He was dedicated and applied himself. Quincy always had good attendance, exceptional grades and a good attitude towards learning.” Ms. Delores Washington, the principal at Dekalb High School, states “Dekalb High School made it possible for Quincy to have a seamless entry into a post secondary school and was able to help him avoid any debt from attending college.”

Quincy is very happy working as an electrician and will continue to grow within his current company. His long term goal is to one day own his own company. But today, he’s doing what he loves, getting paid well for it and living his dreams!

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