WCTC apprentices recognized for skills at state competition

PEWAUKEE — Two Waukesha County Technical College students have been recognized for the skills they’ve learned via two separate apprenticeship programs.

Both Jedidiah Krug and Charles Earle took home honors at the 2019 Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin Apprentice Skill Competition held Jan. 25 in West Bend.

Krug, a WCTC electrical apprentice employed by Current Electric, earned first place in the Electrical category and will represent Wisconsin at the ABC National Craft Championships in Long Beach, Calif. in March.

Charles Earle, a WCTC plumbing apprentice employed by Milestone Plumbing Inc., placed second in the Plumbing category.

The ABC of Wisconsin Skill Competition challenges top apprentices in the areas of carpentry, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and heat and frost insulation. Apprentices completed a two-hour written exam and a four-hour, hands-on practical competition. Nineteen apprentices representing four technical colleges competed in the event.

“This is a great experience for the competitors who get to measure their skills with those of their fellow competitors,” said John Mielke, president of Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin. “We’re proud of all the competitors who are passionate about their trades and come out and take advantage of this unique career opportunity.”