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2022 Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarships

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BPI Announces Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship Recipients

We're proud to announce the 2022 recipients of the Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship. These recipients have a passion for residential energy efficiency, safety, and health. They are dedicated community servants who currently work in a Weatherization Assistance Program or have served in the United States Armed Forces. We are grateful for their contribution to their communities and look forward to the great things they will do.

Paul Lampron is receiving the scholarship for the Building Science Principles (BSP) guide and exam. Mr. Lampron lives in Vermont and is a United States military veteran.

Jesus Martinez is receiving the scholarship for the Healthy Home Evaluator (HHE) certification exam. Mr. Martinez lives in California and works with the California Department of Community Services and Development.

Krist Matthew is receiving the scholarship for the Healthy Home Evaluator (HHE) certification exam. Mr. Matthew lives in Pennsylvania and is a United States military veteran.

Jesus Torres is receiving the scholarship for the Heating Professional certification exams. Mr. Torres lives in New York and is a United States military veteran.

The Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship was developed to honor the life, memory, and work of Jon Siemen, BPI Technical Relations Representative, who passed away in March 2015... [read more](#)

Return to Live Events at the National Home Performance Conference

This month BPI staff were thrilled to attend the first live industry event since the onset of the pandemic. On April 11th the Building Performance Association convened the National Home Performance Conference and Trade Show in Nashville, TN—the first live event we have attended in more than two years.

CEO Larry Zarker, Director of Workforce Development Nancy Kaplan, and Technical Relations Representative Jeremy O'Brien all presented sessions, while Marketing Specialist Kelly Carey held down the exhibit booth. With over 1500 attendees, it was a busy and fulfilling time!

Jeremy O'Brien presented on coming updates to the Home Energy Professional and Core Certifications. All BPI professional certifications are periodically updated and Jeremy covered the latest developments to the Building Analyst and Envelope Professional, as well as the recently released

Site Supervisor Certificate of Knowledge. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the lively Q&A session!

Nancy partnered with Diana McCarthy-Bercury of [Earth Forward Group](#) to give an in-depth look at workforce development programs from around the nation. They shared how these partners are taking on the challenge to meet the workforce gap in the building performance industry and attract the next generation workforce.

Nancy also enjoyed participating on a panel discussion on bridging the workforce gaps with colleagues from CHH Consulting, Franklin Energy Services, Minnicks, and others. "It was exciting and invigorating to be back at a live conference and see the enthusiasm our industry has for home performance work," Nancy said. "I'm encouraged by their desire to move forward with understanding the need for diversity, equity, and inclusion."

Larry teamed with Joe Medosch of measureQuick and Kevin Kennedy of Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City to present a packed session on how to do healthy home assessments. The group was highly engaged, a pattern we saw across all four of Larry's healthy housing sessions.

It warmed our hearts to see so many professionals thumbing over shared copies of the Healthy Housing Principles guide and shouting brainstormed ideas. In fact, the whole conference was overwhelmingly upbeat.

"It felt like the end of a freak show, where attendees put on big people clothes and had real face-to-face interactions after two years of peering into screens wearing their jammies," Larry said later on. "I'd forgotten how real life conversation takes place. The Nashville NHPC was a refreshing re-entry point into life as we used to know it."

For Kelly, who joined BPI during the pandemic, it was an exciting opportunity to meet people face to face for the first time. "BPI's stakeholders are passionate about their work and proud of the difference they make in people's lives," she reflected. "I loved hearing about how this work is done in different ways all over the country."

We're grateful to everyone who helped to produce this event and to all who attended. We love meeting the folks who do this amazing work and feel honored to hear your stories. We hope that the education and networking were valuable for you all, and look forward to meeting again soon!

A promotional graphic for a GoldStar Webinar. The background shows a group of people in a meeting, with one person pointing at a tablet. In the top left corner is the BPI logo, which is a yellow circular seal with 'BUILDING PERFORMANCE INSTITUTE INC.' around the perimeter and 'BPI' in the center. The main text is in white, bold, sans-serif font. On the right side, there is a circular portrait of Drew Cameron, a man in a blue suit, with his name 'Drew Cameron' written below it.

GoldStar Webinar
Use Lightning-Fast Load
Calculation to Drive Sales
May 3rd 3pm ET /12pm PT

Drew Cameron

GoldStar Webinars offer business development guidance from industry experts. Join Drew Cameron on May 3rd to learn how speedy load calculations can engage and educate homeowners, show them where value comes from when purchasing energy efficiency upgrades, and ultimately help them to select a contractor—you! [Register now.](#)

A promotional graphic for 'Healthy Housing Principles'. The background is a blurred image of a person holding a blue air purifier. A dark grey rectangular box is overlaid in the center, containing the text 'Healthy Housing Principles' in a bold, white, sans-serif font, and 'It's how you can help' in a white, italicized, serif font below it. In the bottom right corner of the graphic is the BPI logo, identical to the one in the first image.

Healthy Housing Principles
It's how you can help

BPI's Healthy Housing Principles provide knowledge of how the different components of a home interact to affect occupant health.

The Healthy Housing Principles Certificate of Knowledge gives a comprehensive background in how environmental problems in the home can damage health. The guide, authored by Kevin Kennedy, director of the Environmental Health Program at Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City, is an amazing compendium of knowledge on how homes affect health.

Anyone who works with families in homes should consider earning the [Healthy Housing Principles Certificate](#).



This month the [Sensi Touch smart thermostat](#) by Emerson Electric Co. became the first smart thermostat to be included in BPI's [Product Listing Program](#).

Emerson's Sensi Touch smart thermostat is designed to provide an easy solution to homeowners seeking to simplify their home comfort experience while reducing their energy footprint. ENERGY STAR® certified Sensi Touch smart thermostats feature easy installation, a mobile app for remote access and compatibility with most HVAC systems. Sensi does not sell personal information or use smart thermostat activity data for other targeting or advertising purposes.

The Sensi Touch was the 2021 winner in the Connected Thermostat category of the [Integrated Home Competition](#). BPI is a sponsor of the Integrated Home Competition. Competition winners are eligible to apply for the BPI Product Listing program and, if selected, receive one complimentary year of listing. Manufacturers and their winning products still need to complete the application process and meet category criteria, just as all BPI Listed Products do.

BPI's [Product Listing Program](#) was established in 2014 to help contractors find tools, products, and materials that meet industry standards for diagnostic evaluation, installation of energy upgrades, and Indoor Air Quality improvements to the home. Laboratory test results are reviewed to confirm that products meet the appropriate industry standard(s). You can learn more about the program and listed products [here](#).



BPI's Jobs page features positions from all around the country, at many levels of seniority and skill. This is just a small sampling of available positions. For details on these opportunities and many others, [click here!](#)

Smart-E Regional Program Manager: Inclusive Prosperity Capital seeks a regional program manager to support the national expansion of its single-family clean energy financing program, Smart-E Loans, in Arizona and New Mexico. The ideal candidate will enjoy helping local businesses grow, have an understanding of residential energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, and a passion for building programs. BPI Certification required.

Building Performance Expert: Deeper Green Consulting seeks a Building Performance Expert to cover Mountain Communities across Colorado. The Building Performance Expert will be responsible for providing consulting services to homeowners, property managers, and contractors. BPI Building Analyst Certification required.

Field Technician: CMC Energy seeks a Field Technician III in the Philadelphia area. The position is responsible for performing energy efficiency tasks which may include installations, service and inspections, and/or conducting comprehensive energy audits and assessments, and will serve as a mentor to other field technicians. BPI Certification required.



BPI's newest certificate was developed to prevent costly callbacks and ensure customer satisfaction.

The Site Supervisor Certificate is an affordable, accessible way to identify workers with the skills and knowledge to be worksite leaders.

Site Supervisors are qualified to maintain quality control and worksite documentation and to confirm that all work is completed to applicable industry standards and specifications. They also demonstrate the skills to lead client interactions and manage personnel.

Learn more about how to get a site supervisor on your crew [here](#).



BPI certification comes with great benefits, including free membership in Home Depot's ProXtra rewards program. With no spend minimum, you can sign up today and start earning cash back at dollar one.

Get [certified](#) today and earn 2% on everything you spend in 2022.



BPI sets national standards for improving comfort and energy efficiency for creating and maintaining safe and healthy home environments. BPI's professional certifications for home contractors ensure quality service and workmanship. BPI is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.