

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 98 TRAINING FUND

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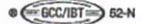
David Kazimierczak
Chairman - Trustee

Dear Brother or Sister,



Christopher Gagliarducci
Secretary - Trustee

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Enclosed is the Local 98 Winter Training Schedule for 2025–2026. Please take a few minutes to review the upcoming courses, and register by phone, email, fax, or mail. If you register and are unable to attend, please notify the Training Center so another member can take advantage of the spot.

Maintaining your skills and certifications is one of the best ways to protect your livelihood. The work we do depends on members who are trained, qualified, and ready to take on a variety of jobs. Staying current with OSHA, hoisting, HAZWOPER, and other credentials not only keeps you safe—it keeps you employable and in demand.

Members are encouraged to take full advantage of the training opportunities available at both the Local 98 Training Center in Southwick and the International Training & Education Center (ITEC) in Crosby, Texas. ITEC provides a wide range of hands-on classes throughout the year, with travel, lodging, and meals covered by the National Training Fund. For more information, contact Nick, Amy or Jose at the Training Center at (413) 998-3230.

The Local 98 Training Center also has a full range of equipment available for members to use and train on throughout the year. Members are encouraged to contact the Training Center to schedule seat time or refresh their skills.

In addition, virtual and online courses are available through our training portal at local98.iuoentf.training. These classes make it easier to stay current on safety and compliance requirements from anywhere.

Our goal is to keep every member of Local 98 versatile, well-trained, and ready for work. Ongoing education helps members adapt to new equipment, technology, and job requirements- ensuring Local 98 remains strong and competitive.

Applications for the 2026 Apprenticeship Program will be accepted at the Training Center on the following dates and times:

- April 18 – 8:00 AM–2:00 PM
- May 2, 16, 30 – 8:00 AM–2:00 PM
- May 6, 14, 20, 28 – 2:00 PM–8:00 PM
- June 8–12 – 8:30 AM–3:00 PM

Apprentices are the future of our Local and mentoring them on the job is one of the best ways to pass on your experience and strengthen our trade.

Please take a moment to confirm your licenses and certifications are current:

- **Asbestos and HAZWOPER** – renew annually
- **OSHA Forklift** – every 3 years
- **NCCCO/OECP Crane** – every 5 years
- **Massachusetts Hoisting License** – every 2 years
- **OSHA (CT)** – every 5 years

Your dedication to maintaining your skills and credentials keeps Local 98 strong and ensures our members remain among the most qualified in the industry. The more versatile of an Operating Engineer you are, the more employment opportunities exist.

In solidarity,

Nicholas R. Girolamo

Nick Girolamo

Training Director – IUOE Local 98