HFTFS-INITIATIVES

- Support high school programs in Ventura County, California
- CTE Leadership
- Big Picture Learning HFTFS Scholars
- Teacher Prize

- Exploring: Professional Development for Skilled Trades teachers and PD for counselors
GAME CHANGER: LESSONS FROM THE FIRST HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS PRIZE FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

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THE MISSION OF HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

• Harbor Freight Tools for Schools is a program of The Smidt Foundation, established by Eric Smidt, to support the advancement of skilled trades education in America. With a deep respect for the dignity of these fields and for the intelligence and creativity of people who work with their hands, this program was created to foster and shine a light on excellence in skilled trades education in public high schools. Believing that access to quality skilled trades education gives high school students pathways to graduation, opportunity, good jobs, and a workforce our country needs, Harbor Freight Tools for Schools aims to stimulate greater understanding, support, and investment by public entities and others in skilled trades education. Harbor Freight Tools is a major supporter of the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Program.
SO HOW DID WE MAKE IT TO OCTOBER 26, 2017?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lcXkoUt4aw
AN OVERVIEW OF THE 2017 PRIZE

• 2 Rounds of All-Digital Application—past experience and future innovation!

• 5 learning modules! (A Disguise/Trojan Horse of Professional Development)

• 3 Rounds of Judging!

• 693 submitted applications! 2967 individual users! 48 States!

• 54 Semifinalists → 10 Finalists → 3 1st Place Winners and 7 2nd Place Winners!

• More than $500K in Prizes!
June 19, 2017: Prize Goes Live

$500,000 in Prizes for Great Skilled Trades Teachers

Recommend a Deserving Teacher Now!
Learn more at HarborFreightTeachingPrize.com
FROM OUR JUDGES

• 92% strongly agree that the Prize is a worthwhile endeavor and should continue beyond its first year.
• 82% strongly agree that the Prize will lift up and support excellent teachers
• 74% strongly agree that the process helped them learn about the state of skilled trades classrooms and public high schools across the country.
• 63% strongly agree that the Prize resources will be useful for other teachers.
• 55% strongly agree that the Prize will remove stigma around skilled trades classes and jobs across the country.
• 94% strongly agree that they would like to be considered to judge again.
OUR FINALISTS

CONGRATULATIONS
2017 FINALISTS!
OUR THREE FIRST PLACE WINNERS

BOB KILMER  
Construction and Architecture  
Enumclaw High School

BRENDAN MALONE  
Marine Systems Technology  
Urban Assembly New York Harbor School

JONATHAN SCHWARTZ  
Advanced Manufacturing  
Colfax High School
SOCIO-ECONOMIC METRICS

• FRL % of SF’ Schools: **49%** (National average for public schools: 51%)
  - Of the 10 top finalists, two of the highest FRL% are two of the winners.
• Dropout Rate of SF’ Schools: **10%** (National average for public schools: 5.9%)
NEXT STEPS

- Plan for the "Let’s Build It Institute” June 26-28
  - A circle of excellence! 5 years—50 teachers! 10 years—100 teachers!
- Plan for Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence 2018
- Sign up for Skilled Trades Advisor Network:
  https://harborfreighttoolsforschools.org/email-sign-up/