

# News Release

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## ABC Heart of America Craft Championships Winners Announced

**Kansas City, MO, January 25** – ABC Heart of America held its Craft Championships competition on January 22, 2016, at Emery Sapp & Sons in Columbia, MO, where they watched 11 of their top apprentices & trainees test their skills in the hands-on competition. Andrew DeClue, a pipefitter with Lee Mechanical Contractors, and Christopher Holden an electrician with Westhues Electric, Inc., won their respective competitions and will represent ABC Heart of America at ABC’s National Craft Championships, being held in March at Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Both the local and national competitions showcase the exceptional talent of the up-and-coming generation of the skilled craft workforce being trained by ABC Heart of America & by other chapters across the country. ABC Heart of America is proud to have the local competitors representing the chapter and its participating member companies on the national stage.

Over the years, ABC Heart of America has taken home 13 national medals, including gold in 2012 and both silver and bronze medals in the 2014 competition.

For more information about training opportunities & ABC Heart of America’s Craft Championships, please visit [www.abcksmo.org](http://www.abcksmo.org).

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