

JMAP Newsletter

June 2023

JMAP Graduates Prepare for the Future

Electrical lineworkers are the unsung heroes who ensure our lights stay on and our electrical systems function smoothly. Their physically demanding job involves long hours in emergencies and requires unwavering focus when dealing with life-threatening voltages. In Michigan, lineworkers receive advanced training through the Joint Michigan Apprentice Program (JMAP) at the Wolverine Training Center in Lake City.

“Our coordinators have put together a world class curriculum with instructors from Northwest Lineman College (NLC),” said Kacy Wickenhauser, Chief HR Officer at Wolverine. “It’s great that the apprentices go through the program with the same cohort for 4 years as one day they’ll likely end up on mutual aid storm duty with fellow classmates and they have already built a foundation of familiarity and trust.”

This year’s graduating class included newly certified Journeyman Lineman, Elijah Walburn. Walburn noted how much he appreciated the experienced instruction he received through the program and the cooperative nature of working with other cohort members.

“I definitely feel more confident and knowledgeable in my trade due to the JMAP program,” said Walburn. “It will most definitely have a positive impact on my future.”

The program has grown over the years and now has graduates exceeding 100 and includes thirty-seven utilities throughout Michigan who participate. As tenured Journeyman Linemen retire, the focus of the program is to ensure a



fresh workforce is highly trained and qualified to fill those steel-toed boots.

Safety Specialist and program coordinator, Matt Monroe is excited to see the growth and is committed to ensuring the quality of the program doesn’t falter. Having well-educated and safety-conscious Journeyman Linemen is not only good for Wolverine, but for the future of the power industry. All the effort and coordination is worth it though.

“I’m so honored when I get to announce the names and shake the hands of our graduates,” said Monroe. “Those individuals and their families have every reason to be proud of what they’ve accomplished.”

Planning to Hire an Apprentice?

Join us in planning for the future by providing valuable input on our JMAP class enrollment.

To help us accurately forecast, we kindly request that you take a moment to complete this [FORM](#).

Northwest Lineman College Updates

2023 Catalog

Access the 2023 Catalog by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Great reference point for JMAP class preparation, includes:

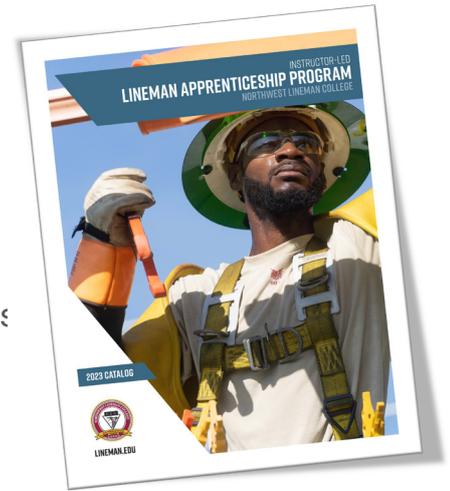
- Curriculum
- What to bring
- Attendance policy
- Testing information

Learning Management System is LIVE

- Ensure your apprentices have [ACCESS TO CURRICULUM](#)
- Includes: coursework material, study guides, and practice tests
- Email will be sent automatically 90 days prior to enrolled JMAP class

Physical Copy Book Orders

- Want a physical copy in addition to the LMS? [FORM](#)
- \$100 per course year (\$400 investment years 1-4)
- Include the following details:
 - » Company Name: JMAP
 - » Company Contact Name: Kasey Wiltzer
 - » Check mark the box "Send me a copy of my responses"
 - » Email address: kwiltzer@wpsci.com



Quarterly Evaluations

A friendly reminder that comments are required to explain further an action plan for the rating of "unsatisfactory", ensuring the apprentice is staying on the right track for "satisfactory", or what stands out about the apprentice for "excellent".

Please see attached evaluation example of the committee's guide when submitting evaluations for your apprentices. Supervisors, administrators, and apprentices have received reminders for evaluation deadlines.

If you have not received a reminder and would like to, please contact kwiltzer@wpsci.com.

Explore the Latest Updates on the JMAP Website!

Have you checked out the updates made to the JMAP website? If not, please do so by visiting: <https://www.michiganapprentices.com/>

- **Partner Resources:** reference information related to policies, procedures, and all things apprentice enrollment
- **Calendar:** includes scheduled JMAP classes, evaluation deadlines, and enrollment deadlines
- **Login:** access NLC's learning management system to review curriculum and ApprentiScope for logging OJL hours directly through our website!

Current JMAP Stats

Participating Utilities	37
Enrolled Apprentices	77
Total Graduates to Date	113