

For the 2025 Graduates of NTI:

Congratulations! Before you pack your bags for NTI this year, there's some important information we need to share with you.

All graduates must attend a meeting on Monday, July 28th at 4:00 pm. Room: LA 240.

During this meeting, your graduating class will be required to select a representative to be the point of contact between the *electrical training ALLIANCE* (etA) and the graduating class.

This is a special ceremony for the leadership of the IBEW, NECA, and electrical training ALLIANCE to honor you, the graduates. All graduates wishing to participate in Thursday's Graduation Ceremony at the Michigan Theater must wear business professional attire. * If you do not meet this requirement, you will NOT be permitted to participate in the event.

*Business Professional attire: suite jacket, tie, dress pants, dress shirt, dress, slacks, blouse, shoes. Men are required to wear a suit jacket and tie.

Sunglasses, ball caps, tennis shoes, and other footwear such as sandals, flip flops, etc., are not considered business professional.

Graduates who choose not to dress appropriately will not be permitted to walk across the stage during the Graduation Ceremony.

Once you have chosen a class representative to speak on your behalf during the Graduation Ceremony, their brief remarks are to be submitted to Denise Jenkins, with the etA, **by 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30th**. The time allotted for the class representative's speech is 4 minutes. This is a time to celebrate the whole class's accomplishments and gratitude to our great industry. The remarks should keep the celebratory atmosphere of the graduation with words of wisdom from their four years of learning.

Traditionally, the graduating class has raised money for a charity during the week. This is not a requirement. This year, if the graduating class chooses to raise funds for a charity, the money will **ONLY** be collected among the graduating class during the graduate meeting on Monday, July 28th at 4:00 pm. Come prepared to donate during this meeting if you wish to participate. This will be the **ONLY** time money will be collected due to the no soliciting rule of EMU and WCC. Once the money is collected, it will be counted, and the etA will get a cashier's check to the charity of your choice. To that end, the charity must be decided upon during the meeting and provided to Denise Jenkins.

Below are a few recommended local charities; however, you may choose a different non-profit charity, but you must provide contact information to the charitable organization, and Denise Jenkins must approve it. Remember: no fundraising efforts will be made after Monday's 4:00 p.m. meeting.

Wadhams Veteran Center at Washtenaw Community College

Contact: Carol Osborne, MA LPC

Phone: (734) 973-3616

Email: calosborne@wccnet.edu

Purpose: We serve almost 400 veterans at WCC, many of whom pursue the skilled trades programs we have to offer. We provide hundreds of resources and support for our veterans free of charge!

Ann Arbor Active Against ALS

Contact: Joel Dalton

Phone: (734) 945-8132

Email: running@a2a3.org

Purpose: A local organization founded to raise money for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley

Contact: Sarah Stanton, Executive Director

Phone: (734) 677-1558

Email: sarah@h4h.org

Purpose: Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley works to enrich Washtenaw County through a legacy of affordable homeownership for low-income families.

Food Gatherers

Contact: Eileen Spring, CEO

Phone: (734) 761-2796

Email: eileen@foodgatherers.org

Purpose: Food Gatherers exist to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in our community.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor

Contact: Kim Kelly, Executive Director

Phone: (734) 998-2100

Email: kkelly@rmhcannarbor.org

Purpose: The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor has two houses that provide a supportive home away from home for families of children 21 years of age and younger receiving treatment at a local area health facility.

Vietnam Veterans of America Post 310

Contact: Stan Harrison, President

Email: membership@vva310.org

Purpose: To maintain the Washtenaw County Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall.

Classroom attendance for graduates is mandatory – just as it has been the other three years.

Though this is your graduation year, it is still an important year of learning. Graduates who miss any class time will not graduate.

The *electrical training ALLIANCE* looks forward to your attendance at this year's NTI and Graduation Ceremony.