

U.S. DOL Newsletter Article – Challenge Unlimited Launches Inaugural Apprenticeship Class



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In 2018, Challenge Unlimited, Inc. registered a comprehensive janitorial apprenticeship program with the U.S. Department of Labor, through the USDOL Office of Apprenticeship in St. Louis, Missouri. Challenge Unlimited (CU) is a national nonprofit organization with over 50 years of experience providing increased employment opportunities to people with disabilities, and specialized contract support services to state, federal and commercial companies

In October – in celebration of National Disability Employment Awareness Month – CU serendipitously registered their first cohort of apprentices. CU apprentices work on a Cleaning Industry Management Standard (CIMS) certified janitorial contract. This allows each apprentice the opportunity to obtain additional training certifications through CIMS, along with their

USDOL Apprenticeship Completion Certification credential.

Pictured above are nine of the 16 registered apprentices in CU's inaugural apprenticeship class, at Missouri's 22nd Circuit Court building in downtown St. Louis. This facility serves as the jobsite where CU apprentices are presently receiving their expertly-provided On-the-Job-Learning (OJL) training. Also pictured are CU President and CEO, Charlotte Hammond and CU Training Manager, Jim Hastings.