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**NORTH BATON ROUGE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INITIATIVE  
GRADUATES SIXTH CLASS**

**BATON ROUGE, LA** – On May 26, the North Baton Rouge Industrial Training Initiative (NBRITI) graduated its sixth class of 37 electrical, millwright, pipefitting and welding students. The Initiative has produced over 300 graduates since 2012. Graduates received National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Core, Level I, and Level II certifications through the free, fast-tracked program.

The NBRITI is a collaborative effort comprised of diverse community, industrial, and educational partners throughout the greater Baton Rouge area, all committed to one goal: to provide a sustainable process to recruit, train and develop North Baton Rouge residents for successful careers with local industrial employers.

Sponsors include ExxonMobil, Herb and Maxine Jacobs Foundation, Excel Group, Cajun Industries, ISC, Turner Industries, Performance Contractors, Jacobs Engineering, Pala Group, Triad, Brock Group, Geo Heat Exchangers, Stupp Corporation, GBRIA, Associated Builders and Contractors, and Employ BR.

“I am so proud of these students. They have proven to be resilient by working through all the challenges of the past year. Almost all these students have signed up to start their next level of training while working a full-time job,” said Baton Rouge Community College Vice Chancellor for Workforce Solutions Dr. Girard Melancon. “I am also very proud that ExxonMobil has doubled its efforts to hire some of these students into their local apprenticeship program.”

“Our 2021 North Baton Rouge Industrial Training Initiative graduates have shown tremendous resilience and commitment as they’ve persevered to build for their futures. We are fortunate to have hired six of these new graduates as apprentices and we look forward to celebrating them and their classmates as they continue building successful careers for many years to come,” said ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Refinery Manager Dave Oldrive.

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## CUTLINES

**NBRITI GRAD 1:** The North Baton Rouge Industrial Training Initiative (NBRITI) graduated its sixth class on Wednesday, May 26. Demarcus Ledet graduated from the Millwright program. Pictured (l to r): Baton Rouge Community College Vice Chancellor for Workforce Solutions Dr. Girard Melancon, Ledet, ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Refinery Manager Dave Oldreive, and Millwright instructor Joseph Martin.

**NBRITI GRAD 2:** ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Refinery Manager Dave Oldreive is pictured with six of the new North Baton Rouge Industrial Training Initiative (NBRITI) graduates that Exxon is hiring as apprentices. Pictured (l to r) are Oldreive, Fallon Stewart, DeMarcus Ledet, Wardell Frazier, Jonathon Wilford, Christopher Reynolds, and Christopher Knighten.

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