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Builders and Manufacturers Laud Testin's Record on Workforce Issues
Central Wisconsin Senator Earns Awards from State's Builders, Chamber

Stevens Point, WI – Senator Patrick Testin (Stevens Point) earned both the Building Wisconsin Award from Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Wisconsin and the Working for Wisconsin Award from Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC). Both organizations honored Testin for his workforce development record at recent award presentations in Central Wisconsin.

“Senator Testin believes in the power of work to create new opportunity in people’s lives,” said Jeff Disher, owner of ABC member Disher Electric in Stevens Point. “He’s a strong advocate for creating new pathways to employment for students and more established workers.”

Workforce development has long been a passion for Testin. Before his election to the State Senate in 2016 and his appointment to the committee that handles the issue, he worked several jobs to help pay his way through college at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

“I maintain that there is dignity in all work,” said Senator Testin. “Through my ‘On the Job’ series, I’ve demonstrated the diversity of opportunity in Central Wisconsin; in the legislature, I’ve worked to increase access and funding for apprenticeships and technical education. Wisconsin only works when everyone is working, and we can achieve that by empowering young people to follow their passions.”

Les Dobbe, who serves as the director of business development at Lineage Logistics, a WMC member business in Stevens Point, thanked Senator Testin for his efforts.

“At Lineage, we’re committed to delivering value to our customers and opportunity to our employees, noted Dobbe. “We’re grateful to Sen. Testin for working to make it easier for young people to acquire the skills they need to turn a job into a career.”

This marks the third straight session in which Testin has been presented with the Working for Wisconsin Award and the second session in which he’s earned the Building Wisconsin Award.

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