



**APPRENTICESHIPS  
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## Re-Launching AFA’s Working Groups

In the next few months, AFA will be holding meetings of working groups designed to advance specific aspects of the AFA agenda. Here’s a run-down of what’s coming...



The **Registration Reform Working Group** will review a draft version of an AFA report on registration and help prepare AFA to offer comments to the US Department of Labor during the expected public comment period on apprenticeship registration.

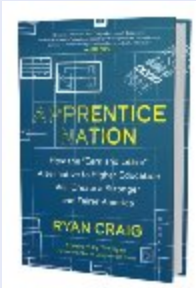


The **Advocacy and Lobbying Working Group** will help advise AFA staff on the development of a model state bill as well as federal initiatives. This group will also help in drafting AFA position papers on Youth Apprenticeship and Pay for Apprenticeship.



The **External Communications Working Group** will be advising the AFA team on strengthening AFA’s outreach and engagement with key constituencies as well as key messaging around apprenticeship intermediaries.

Watch your inbox for opportunities to join in these working group discussions and meeting dates.



## Apprentice Nation

AFA’s own Ryan Craig will soon release his long-awaited book on Apprenticeship, **Apprentice Nation**. Ryan puts apprenticeship into the larger context of what 21st Century talent development needs to look like and offers prescriptions for growing apprenticeship in the US. Ryan is touring the country to talk about the book, so look for [events in your community](#).

## Apprenticeship Week Coming Soon – November 13-19

If you are planning an open house, briefing, or other event, let us know. We will make sure your congressional delegation is aware of the event. **Send any event plans to Mary Ann Lisanti** at [maryann@apprenticeshipsforamerica.org](mailto:maryann@apprenticeshipsforamerica.org). Reference NAW in the subject line.

## Conferences and Events

AFA is planning its first-ever Apprenticeship Summit in early 2024. Stand by for dates and details.

The AFA team will be out and about this fall. Be sure to connect with us at these upcoming events:  
[Council for Adult and Experiential Learning \(CAEL\) Conference](#) – November 8-10 in Baltimore  
[New America's Activating Apprenticeship at Community Colleges](#) – November 13-14 in Charleston, SC  
[National Skills Coalition Skills in the States Forum](#) – November 16-17 in Baltimore



## Apprenticeships in the News

The [Treasury Department seeks comments](#) on draft rules for Clean Energy Tax Credits passed as part of the Inflation Reduction Act, including provisions that relax apprenticeship requirements for projects unable to hire apprentices. Comments are due by October 30.

[Reach University's teacher apprenticeship model](#) that prepares teaching assistance for careers as teachers gets a write-up in Forbes. "Since Reach launched their apprenticeship-to-degree program, more than 1,000 teachers' assistants have enrolled in the program and thousands are on a waitlist." Reach University's Joe Ross also had an essay published on the [Philanthropy Roundtable website](#).

Burning Glass Institute and Multiverse released [Unlocking potential: Pathways for Low-wage Workers to Quality Jobs through Apprenticeships](#), which identifies apprentice-able occupations that could address the problem of 36 million American "stranded in high-churn, low pay jobs."

