

Local 75 apprentice wins regional competition



After competing in the state apprenticeship competition, Rusty Secody took home the top honors at the District Council of Ironworkers competition in San Diego on April 21.

Now the second year apprentice and Tuba City native is moving on to compete in the national competition in Houston, Texas in September.

But Secody, who entered the Ironworker Apprenticeship through the Navajo Gladiator Program, is modest about his achievements.

“I don’t brag about it, I’m only better today than I was yesterday,” Secody said. “I take pride in my work and at the end of the day, it’s great that I am able to earn my sleep.”

Apprentices from Local 75 have won the top honors at the last three District Council of Ironworkers competitions.

“The quality and skill of apprentices is due to the continuum of education and practice that apprentices receive through in-class instruction and on-the-job training with experienced journeymen” said Ironworkers Local 75 Apprenticeship Coordinator Alan Ruda.

After completing his apprenticeship, Secody plans to take his skills on the road and see more of the country.