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PRE-APPRENTICE EXCELS AT THE CITY IN NCRWA PROGRAM

HIGH POINT, N.C. (July 29, 2021) – After an extensive three-week job shadow with the City of High Point's Public Services Department, Joshua Best graduated from the North Carolina Rural Water Association's Go Water Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

The NCRWA's six-week summer program introduces participants, ages 16 to 24, to water industry career pathways. By participating, pre-apprentices ages 18 and older gain direct entry into the NCRWA Water and Wastewater Systems Operations Specialist Registered Apprenticeship upon successful completion of the program and a high school diploma or equivalency.

In the first three weeks of his pre-apprenticeship, Best completed skill and interest assessments, took part in basic job readiness training and was introduced to the water industry. In the second phase of the program, he explored various career options available within the water and wastewater industry by job shadowing our water division staff.

"Joshua had a very positive attitude and showed an enthusiasm to learn about our water and sewer divisions," said Derrick Boone, assistant public services director.

"The Public Services Department enjoyed working with Joshua, and we look forward to continuing a relationship with the NCRWA through the pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs. These programs provide an opportunity to promote the water industry and hopefully give us an opportunity to train and recruit future employees."

On Monday, NCRWA Workforce Development Coordinator Carolyn Bynum presented Best his graduation certificate in a short ceremony at City Hall with his family and members of the public services staff to support him.

"I enjoyed doing it," said Best. "I learned a lot doing it. If you like the environment and helping people, this is definitely something you should look into."

The City of High Point aims to serve as the catalyst for bringing together the community's human, economic and civic resources for the purpose of creating the single most livable, safe and prosperous community in America. For more information on the City, visit www.highpointnc.gov.

The North Carolina Rural Water Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping our members attain the highest standard in drinking water and wastewater service. Serving members statewide, NCRWA is governed by a volunteer board of directors from the association's membership. Members represent both community and non-community water and wastewater systems.

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