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## Basic skills, training programs marketed to schools

One of the nation's leading education companies, has announced the creation of a new division providing assessment tools, basic skills instruction and training programs to K-12 schools, universities and businesses.

Kaplan Learning Services has tapped

proven innovators from the world of education to build the new division.

Jonathan Grayer, Kaplan's president and CEO, has announced that John Kim will serve as president of Kaplan Leaming Services. Joseph J. Scherer, Ph.D., will join the new division as executive director, K-12 partnerships, and Ann G. Waiters, Ed.D., former superintendent of schools of William Penn Public School District in PA, will serve as director, K-12 partnerships.

Martin J. Vespo, former president of GrolierEducationCorporation, will serve as executive director, higher education, overseeing educational partnerships with colleges and universities.

"We are extremely pleased to have attracted leaders in the field of education who have the skills and the vision to develop and grow this new division," said Grayer.

KLS has already created partnerships with a number of colleges, including Chattanooga State Technical Community College in Tennessee and Greenville Technical College in South Carolina to boost retention and graduation rates. Queen's School of Business in Canada has retained KLS to develop a new admissions test.

In 1996, KLS provided assessment workshops to 7,000 students at the City University of New York (CUNY).

# Area students join trades

Over 100 apprentices graduate from the prestigious Metro Electrical Training Center in northeast Portland

One hundred and eleven men and women recently received certificates from the nationally-acclaimed Metro Electrical Training Center apprenticeship program.

The awards were given at the 1997 Graduation Banquet and Electrical Industry Night held recently at the Airport Sheraton in Portland.

The graduates join a long tradition of highly-skilled electrical workers trained through the center located at northeat 42nd and Killingsworth.

Steve Simms, Director of the Apprenticeship Training Division for the Oregon State Bureau of Labor and Industry, delivered the keynote address.

"The State of Oregon is proud to have the best electrical training center in the nation," Simms said," and these graduates are a great asset to our communities."

Tim Gauthier, Executive manager of the Oregon-Columbia Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), reminded graduates that they are part of a progressive organization that will help build Oregon and Southwest Washington.

"In addition to teaching the technical skills, you have also been taught that it is important to maintain respect and commitment to the industry and to each other," Gauthier said. "We hope the graduates will apply these attributes to their careers and lives."

Jerry Bruce, Business manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 48, also addressed the graduates

"As you embark upon your new careers, I know that you will apply the high level of skills and positive work ethic you gained through your apprenticeship throughout your careers in this industry," Bruce said.

The Metro Electrical Training Center is a cooperative labor-management effort by NECA and IBEW Local 48 to provide training and skills for Union electrical apprentices and continuing education for IBEW journeymen.

Since 1977, the center has provided state-of-the-art training for union electricians. It is recognized as one of the nation's top training programs with the most qualified instructors.

A typical graduate completed a fiveyear program that included hundreds of hours of classroom instruction and thousands of hours of on-the-job training. Ken Fry, Metro's Training Director, who also spoke at the ceremony, believes the new graduates are the best qualified anywhere.

"We are very proud of their hard work and know they will be a great addition to the electrical construction industry," Fry said.

The graduation ceremony was preceded by an historic groundbreaking earlier in the day when members of IBEW Local 48 and NECA brought their own shovels to break ground for a new Local 48 Union hall and Metro Electrical Training Center.

The complex is being built in the Interstate Crossroads Subdivision at NE 158th and Airport Way in Portland, and should be completed by February 1998.

The complex is being developed by Specht Development, Inc. The new 54,000 square-foot center will include 24 separate classrooms, three labs, and an auditorium.

"This new, larger facility will enable us to increase our capacity for providing electrical workers with the skills that are needed today as well as for training the electrical workforce of the future," said Fry.

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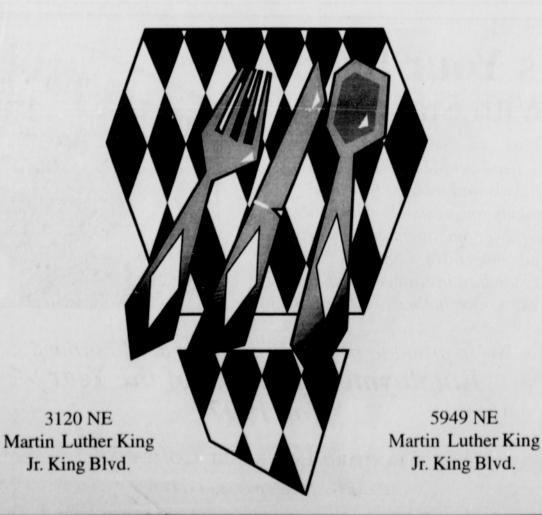
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