



# The Masonry Update

what's happening in the masonry industry in New Jersey

## 2021 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500: Northeast & Philadelphia Regionals

### Northeast Regional Series

On October 8, 2021 the Northeast Regional Series was held in Succassuna, NJ at Reuther Material Company.

Judges for the competition included Masonry Contractors of New Jersey's Past President Ron Atzert of American Masonry Corp. and Eric Schaffer of Back Brook Masonry, both current members of our Association, as well as NJ BAC Local 4 Representatives Ken Simone, Larry Iannaccone & Steve Preziosi and retired NJ State Apprentice Coordinator Bob Alesandro.

The NJ BAC Locals 4 & 5 Apprentice Instructors Eric Dougherty and Ren Engelhardt picked up a trowel and shovel last minute to fill in for a team that couldn't make it to the competition. Eric said it had been 2-3 yrs since he's laid brick for a long wall to the line. What an example for Eric and Ren to set for pre-job students as they watched on.

Read more about the Northeast Regional and watch the competition [here](#).







The Bricklayer 500 Top Craftsman prize, which goes to the mason with the "most sellable" wall, and 1st place were awarded to mason Johnny Langerap and mason tender Gene Jerome of Langerap Masonry, with a final brick count of 590. 2nd Place (not pictured) went to mason Ray Byers and mason tender Adam Byers of Arch Masonry, with a brick count of 458 and 3rd Place (not pictured), with a brick count of 428m was awarded to mason Lonnie Locaillade and mason tender Ryan Raymond of Lacaillade Masonry.



The 2021 Jr. Spec Mix competition was won by mason John Baumstark, a 1st year apprentice with the BAC Locals 4 & 5 of New Jersey. 2nd place & 3rd place were also won by NJ BAC Locals 4 & 5 apprentices, Alex Penna and George Stoumbos, both 2nd year.

Visit the [Gallery](#) on our website to view more photos from the Northeast Regional Series.

### Pennsylvania Regional Series

On September 16, 2021 the Philadelphia Series was held at the Bricklayers Training Center in Philadelphia, PA.



Dandrea Masonry is one of Masonry Contractors of New Jersey's founding members and this year their team, mason Christopher Weast and mason tender Ed Wallace, won not only the Top Craftsman award, which goes to the "most-sellable" wall, but also 2nd place in the Bricklayer 500, with a brick count of 505.

Read more about the Pennsylvania Regional Series and watch the competition [here](#).

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2021 WINNERS!

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