



# Apprentice School Student Association

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James Poindexter – 2004 Treasurer

James was born in Salem, VA in 1978 and at 10 moved to Hampton. This is when he first heard of “The Shipyard”. In 1996, he graduated from Bethel High School and joined the U.S. Air Force. After serving four years, he began his career at NNS after interviewing with X31 Recruiter Mike Barnes at the New Market Job Fair. After 8 months working as a temporary lights electrician, James transferred into The Apprentice School where he learned about the many opportunities available. He started as an alternate delegate for X31 in the ASSA before becoming full time. In 2003, James was appointed Athletics Committee Chairperson by President Doug Creps. In 2004, he was elected to the position of ASSA Treasurer and became a certified student leader at the National Conference on Student Leadership. In 2005, James graduated from The Apprentice School, completed the advanced ASOC program, received the Craftsman award for X31, and received the Charles F. Bailey award for having a 4.0 GPA in the World Class Shipbuilder Curriculum. Shortly after graduating, James interviewed and accepted a position as an X31 Foreman. James states, “I still plan to finish my Bachelors degree in '07 and hope to perform my duties as a frontline foreman to the best of my abilities.”