

Germany's best woodworker this year is once again from the HABA FAMILYGROUP

Bad Rodach – November 30, 2021 - For the 12th time since 2006, the HABA FAMILYGROUP has Germany's best woodworker. Jakob Schnapp was honored by the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK) for his achievements in this year's woodworking final exam.

Due to the current pandemic situation, the DIHK could not award the prize in Berlin. As a result, the award winner was paid a surprise visit at his workplace in solid wood production by the HABA FAMILYGROUP Executive Board, his instructor, and an IHK Coburg representative. Rainer Kissing, Head of Vocational Training at IHK Coburg, congratulated the winner on behalf of IHK Coburg and its President, Friedrich Herdan, and stressed the importance of our world-renowned dual vocational training system: "Out of nearly 400 woodworkers you were the best! Use this great foundation for your further development. The award also reflects the quality of training in this company."

Training has a high priority and a long tradition in the family-owned company. For over 80 years, HABA FAMILYGROUP has been supporting young people at the start of their careers. "You completed your training with a grade point average of 1.3. Congratulations on this fantastic result! We hope you continue to be as motivated and determined as you were during your apprenticeship," declared Sabine Habermaass, Managing Partner. "We are very proud of Jakob Schnapp's extraordinary performance and are delighted that he is growing with us and helping to shape the future of HABA FAMILYGROUP," added Tim Steffens, CEO.

Learning by doing – that's training at HABA FAMILYGROUP

Aspiring woodworkers can concentrate entirely on their training. During the first year, basic technical training takes place in the company training

workshop. This lays the foundation for successful vocational training. The apprentices learn about wood as a material from the ground up so that they can later work independently using state-of-the-art technology. Over the course of their apprenticeship, the young junior employees are introduced to a wide range of production areas at the Bad Rodach site. They support the production of toys, furniture, and solid wood items and can thus explore their potential future field of application.

Another three trainees honored

In addition to Germany's best woodworker, the company is also delighted with three other successfully completed apprenticeships. Laura Holecek had the best marks in Bavaria in her final exam as a marketing communications administrator. Laura Bauer (industrial clerk) and Christian Foerster (IT specialist for system integration) also attained the best grades in the IHK district of Coburg.

About the HABA FAMILYGROUP

The HABA FAMILYGROUP has been enriching families and institutions with high-quality products in the core areas of family life, play, education, exercise, clothing and furniture for over 80 years. Under its roof, it unites the well-known brands HABA, JAKO-O, FIT-Z, Wehrfritz, project and the HABA Digital Workshop. Since its founding in 1938 by Eugen Habermaass, the HABA FAMILYGROUP, headquartered in Bad Rodach, has been family-owned. Tim Steffens is the managing director. The company employs around 2000 people and generates annual sales of around EUR 360 million.

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