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MEET THE INSTRUCTORS FOR 3-DAY TRAINING EVENT

NAFCT is excited to host certification training event this February

Gray Court, SC — February 2, 2023 — NAFCT is looking forward to the three day training event at MAPEI's facility in Calhoun, GA this February 21st - 23rd. The event will offer participants the ability to complete two certifications for Subfloor Prep and Resilient Modular Installation. NAFCT is fortunate to have Sam Biondo, Andy McWilliams, and Kevin Phillips as instructors for this event.



Meet Sam Biondo | NAFCT SUBFLOOR PREP INSTRUCTOR

Sam Biondo is MAPEI's National Technical Presenter. He has more than 25 years of international installation experience in the flooring industry. As the host of MAPEI's popular MTI-TV series of videos and as a speaker at many industry functions, Sam combines installation expertise with real-world knowledge to help audiences easily comprehend new innovative technologies and their applications.



Meet Andy McWilliams | NAFCT RESILIENT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTOR

Andy spent over 25 years in the installation field installing various types of flooring eventually specializing in residential and commercial Carpet and Resilient floor coverings. Andy holds numerous carpet, vinyl, and surface prep certifications throughout the industry. Andy switched over to technical in 2019 to become the Technical Specialist, North America for Novalis US, LLC., one of the largest manufacturers of vinyl floor coverings in the world. Andy is now the Technical Manager/National Trainer, North America for Novalis US LLC. In his roll at Novalis, he works closely with research and development on new products coming into the market and provides product and installation training for installers across the United States.



Meet Kevin Phillips | NAFCT RESILIENT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTOR

Kevin achieved the certified "Master-fitter" (installer) status at four different categories, additionally, became the only person to win every installation category of the UK, "Floor Covering Fitter of the Year" competition. Switching to technical management, Kevin is currently the Director of Technical Services for Novalis US, LLC., one of the largest manufacturers of vinyl floor coverings in the world. Kevin represents Novalis at many of our industry associations including ASTM, RFCI,

NAFCT and FCICA.

About the Event

This event is proudly supported by Divergent Adhesives, MAPEI USA, Novalis US, LLC, Roppe Holding Company, and Shaw Industries Group, Inc.. The event starts on February 21st and Sam Biondo will instruct attendees on subfloor prep; including product demonstrations. On February 22nd and 23rd, Andy McWilliams and Kevin Phillips will instruct the resilient modular installation sessions which will include hands-on training and installation evaluations. To register for this event, attendees can visit <https://nafct.com/install-resilient/>.

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About NAFCT

Founded in 2020, National Association of Floor Covering Technicians (NAFCT) is a non-profit 501(c)(6) trade association formed with the purpose to improve the flooring industry by partnering with industry experts, manufacturers, and other flooring associations to provide accessible, affordable, advanced training and certification programs. NAFCT was developed to assist in bridging this gap and to develop low, no cost structured certified training programs directly to the installer. Visit [NAFCT.com](https://nafct.com) or @NAFCT4U on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to learn more.

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