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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NETWORK WITH COLORADO CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES AT FIRST-ANNUAL CAREER PATHWAYS FAIR

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. – Jan. 18, 2019 – Fifteen local construction companies and [Careers in Construction](#) (CIC), a workforce-development program powered by The Colorado Springs Housing & Building Association (CSHBA) and Associated General Contractors-Colorado (AGC-C), partnered to host the first-annual Career Pathways Fair on Jan. 17, 2019, at The Pinery at The Hill, introducing over 60 CIC high school students to the variety of rewarding careers available in the industry.

CIC students are currently earning Department of Labor-recognized certificates in carpentry, electrical and plumbing, allowing them to start a career directly after high school. However, many students are not aware of the multitude of opportunities in construction. The Career Pathways Fair provided a chance for students to not only learn more about construction careers, but also meet successful tradespeople and understand their own potential in the industry.

“Walking around at the Career Pathways Fair, I learned about all of the different types of job positions within each trade, such as the plumbing and flooring industry,” said Devyn Miller, CIC student at [The MiLL](#) and junior at Mesa Ridge High School. “Even though I am young, it’s exciting to be able to talk with actual companies and start making my own connections for when I graduate high school.”

The CIC program had students from the following school districts participate: Harrison School District 2, Widefield School District 3, Colorado Springs School District 11, and School District 49.

“Events like this are valuable because it is showing that there are people investing in seeing students enter the often overlooked construction industry,” said Chris Loncar, Human Resources Manager at Timberline Landscaping. “Students are often unaware of the lucrative opportunities in our industry, so to give students exposure ensures they understand what is available to them. Many will find out what they are truly passionate about this way, and launch an incredible career early in life.”

The CIC program would like to thank the following companies for participating in the Career Pathways Fair:

Alpine Lumber Company
Classic Homes
CMR Installation, LLC
Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association
Elevated Views
GE Johnson Construction Company
Heating & Plumbing Engineers, Inc.
JWilliams Staffing of Colorado
Krafted Homes, Inc.
Noble Truss Colorado, Inc.
Pikes Peak Workforce Center
Pryor Floor Company, Inc.
Pyramid Construction, Inc.
Rusin Concrete Construction
Timberline Landscaping, Inc.

About

Through partnerships with educational entities and other organizations, Careers in Construction (CIC) establishes and maintains vocational education courses and programs focused on skills training for the various trades within the construction industry, to promote the benefits of career opportunities in the construction industry to students, parents, influencers, and educators, and develop effective job placement platforms to connect students to industry.

For more information about Careers in Construction and how to get involved, please visit www.GoBuildCO.com or contact Kitt Smith, Director of Workforce Development, at 719-592-1800 x 100 or kitt@cshba.com.



(Pictured above, Chris Loncar, Human Resources Manager at Timberline Landscaping, speaks with student about career opportunities.)



(Pictured above from left to right, Jordan Fushi and Ella Nunamaker, students at Patriot High School.)