Careers In Construction NW
Shaping Tomorrow's Workforce

Careers in Construction Core Purpose: Work with local schools to increase student participation, advance facilities, curriculum, and networking so that students can obtain quality jobs in the building industry upon graduation.

Support the Future of Skilled Trades

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Your Impact

All proceeds from direct donations, fishing trips, and vacation rentals go straight to supporting Careers in Construction NW. Our continued growth across Southwest Washington and now into Oregon has created an exciting opportunity — and a growing need — for additional funding.

Your support helps us:

Expand our programs to reach more students.
Create hands-on learning opportunities in skilled trades.
Open doors to meaningful, long-term careers for the next generation.

Every contribution, big or small, helps us build futures — one student at a time.

SkillsUSA

2026 Record Breaking Year: SW Washington Students Dominate SkillsUSA State Championships



Southwest Washington is celebrating a milestone moment. In past years, the region saw just one SkillsUSA state champion—but this year, our students raised the bar in a big way. With a record number advancing to the state competition, an impressive six students earned first-place titles, showcasing the strength and momentum of construction education across our communities.

Our 2026 state champions:

- Tyree Martin (Hudson Bay High School) – Roofing
- Austen Gunderson (Hudson Bay High School) – Architectural Design
- Keith Carlson (Ilwaco High School) – Electrical
- Liam Taft (Ilwaco High School) – Plumbing
- Connor Rapp (Ridgefield High School) – Cabinetry

- Reagan Stevens (Cascadia Technical Academy) – Technical Math

From design to skilled trades, these students exemplify excellence, discipline, and the power of hands-on learning. Their success is more than individual achievement—it reflects a growing movement to prepare the next generation of builders, creators, and problem-solvers.

We're proud to celebrate this record-breaking year and the students leading the way.



Toolbox

Toolbox Events Underway at Ridgefield Elementary


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Our Toolbox Events are in full swing at Ridgefield Elementary, with six fourth-grade classes already completed and more scheduled for this week.

Students are getting hands-on experience using tools, following instructions, and working through a simple build from start to finish. It’s a practical introduction to construction that focuses on basic skills, safety, and problem-solving.

We’re looking forward to wrapping up the remaining classes and continuing to expand these opportunities for students.

BUILDING OPPORTUNITY

TRADES TUESDAY

Have you seen our Trades Tuesday Store?
Launched in May 2025, this program celebrates careers in the trades while helping support our students. 10% of all profits go directly back to CICNW, funding programs and building projects that give students hands-on experience and tools for success.

Shop now, show your support, and help us build the next generation of skilled tradespeople!

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Skilled Trades Demand Surging!

A recent report from Randstad USA highlights a major shift in the workforce: demand for skilled trades is growing three times faster than for professional roles. As the U.S. invests in AI, data centers, and infrastructure, the need for electricians,

HVAC technicians, and construction professionals continues to rise—while the talent pipeline struggles to keep up.

The takeaway is clear: the future of innovation is being built by skilled trades, and expanding education, training, and awareness is more important than ever.

Read the Full Article HERE

How to Help

Stay connected with Careers in Construction NW by visiting our website for the latest events, updates, and opportunities to get involved.

Your support makes a difference!

Consider making a donation or shopping at our Trades Tuesday Store, where every purchase helps fund trades education programs in local high schools.

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