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CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION CERTIFIES 177 STUDENTS IN 2017-2018

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. – August 1, 2018 – Careers in Construction (CIC), a Colorado Springs Housing & Building Association (CSHBA) and Associated General Contractors of Colorado (AGC-C) nonprofit workforce-development program, certified 177 local area high school students in PACT Core, Plumbing, Green Building, Electrical and Carpentry in the 2017-2018 academic year.

Renee Zentz, CSHBA CEO, describes what this success means for the future of the CIC program.

“Students are learning soft skills and life skills in addition to trade-specific aptitudes that will allow them to immediately enter the workforce or continue their education,” Zentz said.

“Students and their parents are seeing the value of these stackable certificates as evidenced by the growth of the program by over 400 students in the last three years. We are thrilled to see that level of growth so quickly. We believe in these students, and we are willing to invest in them for a better community.”

George Hess, CEO and founder of Vantage Homes and HBA Workforce Development Committee Chair, explains how the CIC program is benefiting the lives of local area students and the regional economy.

“The opportunity to be involved in a program that is a partnership between our industry and our educators- one which introduces young people to career pathways while at the same time is providing them a lifetime of skills, one which will help fill the long-term skilled labor needs of our country, is a once in a lifetime blessing for me,” Hess said. “It is personally rewarding to see young people earn these certifications for the skills required to be a future craftsman in the trades so applicable to the industry which has meant some much to me; home building.”



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Thanks to the local building industry, the CIC program is able to provide \$30,000 per year for each participating school. These funds provide CIC students with industry-grade tools, equipment, curriculum and resources.

This fall, the CIC program will begin its fourth year with a total of 10 local high schools participating in the program.

The following schools have certified 177 high school students in the 2017-2018 school year: District 2- Career Readiness Academy, Sierra High School, and Atlas Preparatory School; District 3- Mesa Ridge High School and Widefield High School; District 11- Mitchell High School; District 49- Patriot Learning Center and Power Technical Early College (PTEC).

2017 – 2018 CIC Certificate Awards

PACT Core					
Ashley T.	Angel M.	Abraham M.	Alijah W.	Jose R.E.	Riley M.
Justice Y.	Anthony N.	Ivan R.	Tarves W.	Daniela E.	Tommy X.
Conner L.	Jacob S.	Kevin S.	Dominic G.	Larry M.	Edwin N.
Dominic M.	Michael B.	Juan V.A.	Jose D.	Juan A.	Isaac D.
Norma S.	Jeremy D.	Carlos T.	Christopher E.M.	Autumn R.	Michael T.
Shayla P.	Javon P.	Caleb T.	Quame D.	Dania G.V.	Stone L.
Cesar A.	Benjamin P.	Emiliano V.	Daniel E.M.	Jadelynn B.	Jonathan H.
Dalila C.	Omar R.	Elijah W.	Qualique D.	Luis O.	Veronica Q.A.
Caleb D.	Julian T.	Sean B.	Jorge R.J.	David G.	Manuel C.P.
Desmond H.	Sebastian C.	Caleb D.	Hunter K.	DaShawn M.	
Seth N.	Adrian M.	Andrew D.	Larry P.	Jose E.	
David P.	Manuel P.	Devin H.	Brian G.	Jordan L.	



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McKyle W.	Cristian P.	Jace L.	Manuel A.	Adrian L.
Jeremiah B.	Isaac S.	Hunter P.	Daryius S.	Jameson F.
Trever C.	Ray A.	Devin V.	Jose S.	Austin P.
Joshua E.	Anthony A.	Obed O.S.	Jose G.V.	Alejandra C.M.
Alana L.	Erik B.H.	Donovan M.	Diego M.	Antonio A.
Obed O.	Heber C.R.	Ethan M.	Christopher U.	Mauricio P.
Sarai V.	Efren C.H.	Zach M.	Helioson L.	Anthony C.M.
Jorita W.	Cristian C.G.	Lance N.	Adam H.	Faith R.
Alejandro M.	Cesar S.	Dale L.	Thane D.	Alexa T.
Brooke M.	Bernardo Francisco G.	Ivan H.	Alexa C.M.	Jesica H.S.
Zachary R.	DeVaughn H.	Isaac P.	Dominic D.	Aaron H.

Plumbing						
Aaron H.	Miguel C.C.	Alejandro M.H.	John H.	Aiden W.	Rolando N.G.	Jonathan G.
Riley M.	Theophilus O.	Salomon P.	Aebi S.	James T.F.	Malik B.	Abigail V.
Tommy X.	Joel S.	Eduardo A.A.	Elijah C.	Joseph W.	Joshua C.	Eric L.
Edwin N.	Ray P.	Alyssa H.	Garrett D.	Ramiro C.M.	Trevor K.	Devon B.
Isaac D.	Roberto M.	Emmanuel B.	Jacob V.	Eduardo T.G.	Jacob S.C.	Garrett M.
Michael T.	Julian J.	Zachary O.	Santos M.	Alejandro M.H.	Dustin T.	Kyle K.



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Stone L.	Julian M.	Joseph W.	Michael D.	Salomon P.	Aiden W.	Andrew P.
Jonathan H.	Isaac C.	Tim S.	Isabel M.	Eduardo A.A	James T.F.	Abigail H.
Veronica Q.A.	Xavier G.	Nolan M.	Giovanni P.	Alyssa H.	Joseph W.	Jasmine Z.
Daniel O.	Eduardo T.G.	Ivana T.	Manuel C.P.	Domanic L.	Ramiro C.M.	Tyler L.
						Joseph B.

Green Building			
Tim S.	Abigail H.	Michael D.	Garrett D.
Nolan M.	Jasmine Z.	Isabel M.	Jacob V.
Joseph B.	Tyler L.	Andrew P.	Santos M.
Jonathan G.	Ivana T.	Abigail H.	Michael D.
Abigail V.	John H.	Jasmine Z.	Isabel M.
Eric L.	Aebi S.	Tyler L.	Andrew P.
Devon B.	Elijah C.	Ivana T.	Santos M.
Garrett M.	Garrett D.	John H.	Elijah C.
Kyle K.	Jacob V.	Aebi S.	

Electrical		
Conner L.	Michael T.	Alejandro M.H.
Dominic M.	Stone L.	Salomon P.
Norma S.	Jonathan H.	Eduardo A.A.
Shayla P.	Veronica Q.A.	Isaac D.
Ashley T.	Manuel C.P.	Eduardo T.G.
Aaron H.	Aiden W.	
Riley M.	James T.F.	
Tommy X.	Joseph W.	
Edwin N.	Ramiro C.M.	



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Carpentry	
Ashley T.	Joel S.
Justice Y.	Ray P.
Conner L.	Roberto M.
Dominic M.	Julian J.
Norma S.	Julian M.
Shayla P.	Emmanuel B.
Giovanni P.	Zachary O.
Daniel O.	Joseph W.
Miguel C.C.	Theophilus O.

About

The Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs (CSHBA) and the Associated General Contractors-Colorado (AGC-C) partnered with regional educators to launch the Careers in Construction (CIC) program in 2015. The program was launched to connect young people with the construction trade education in the Pikes Peak and Southern Colorado regions. The program started with fewer than 30 students in one high school in 2015 and now includes 430+ students enrolled in four participating districts and seven high schools in the Colorado Springs area. Students are learning to use their hands and minds while using the nationally-recognized curriculum from the Home Builders Institute, which allows them to work their way towards Pre-Apprenticeship Training Certificates. These are portable certificates highlighting students' skills in a particular trade- certifying them as work-ready in that trade.

For more information about Careers in Construction and how to get involved, please visit <https://gobuildco.com/> or contact Kitt Smith at 719-592-1800 x 100 or kitt@cshba.com.

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