CONSTRUCTION NEWS
APRIL 2026

CHERRY CREEK INNOVATION CAMPUS



CONSTRUCTION 1 UPDATE

- Year 1 students just finished their **ELECTRICAL & FINISHES UNITS**
  - We focused on :
    - Residential & Commerical Electrical (circuits, panel install, conduit bending)
    - Drywall Mud, Tape, Texture & Paint
    - Exterior Siding

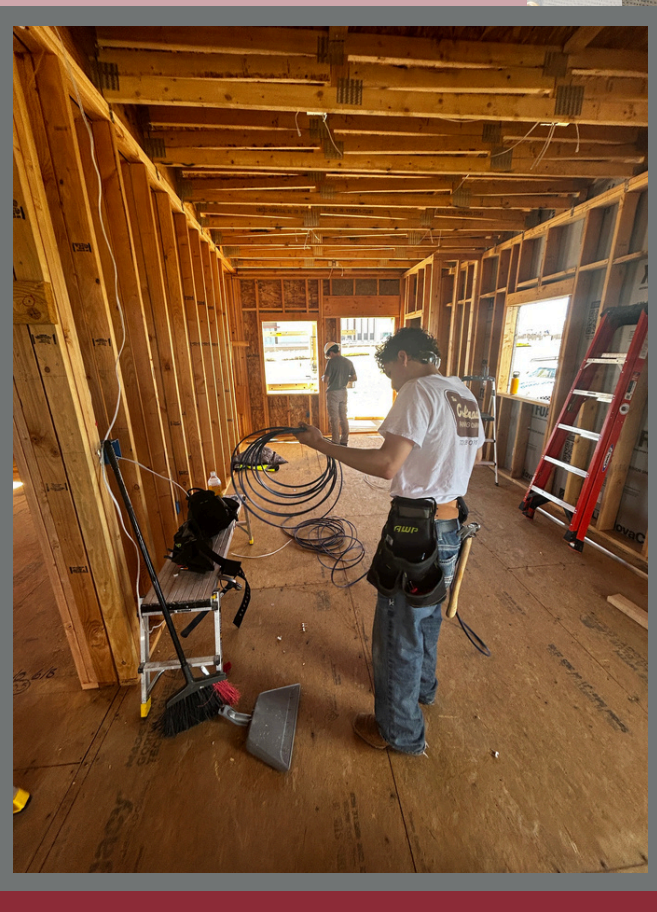
- This week we started our **Woodworking Unit**
  - Students will be able to
    - Identify domestic and exotic hardwood species
    - Safely operate the Jointer, Planer & Table Saw
    - Design & Fabricate their own cutting boards

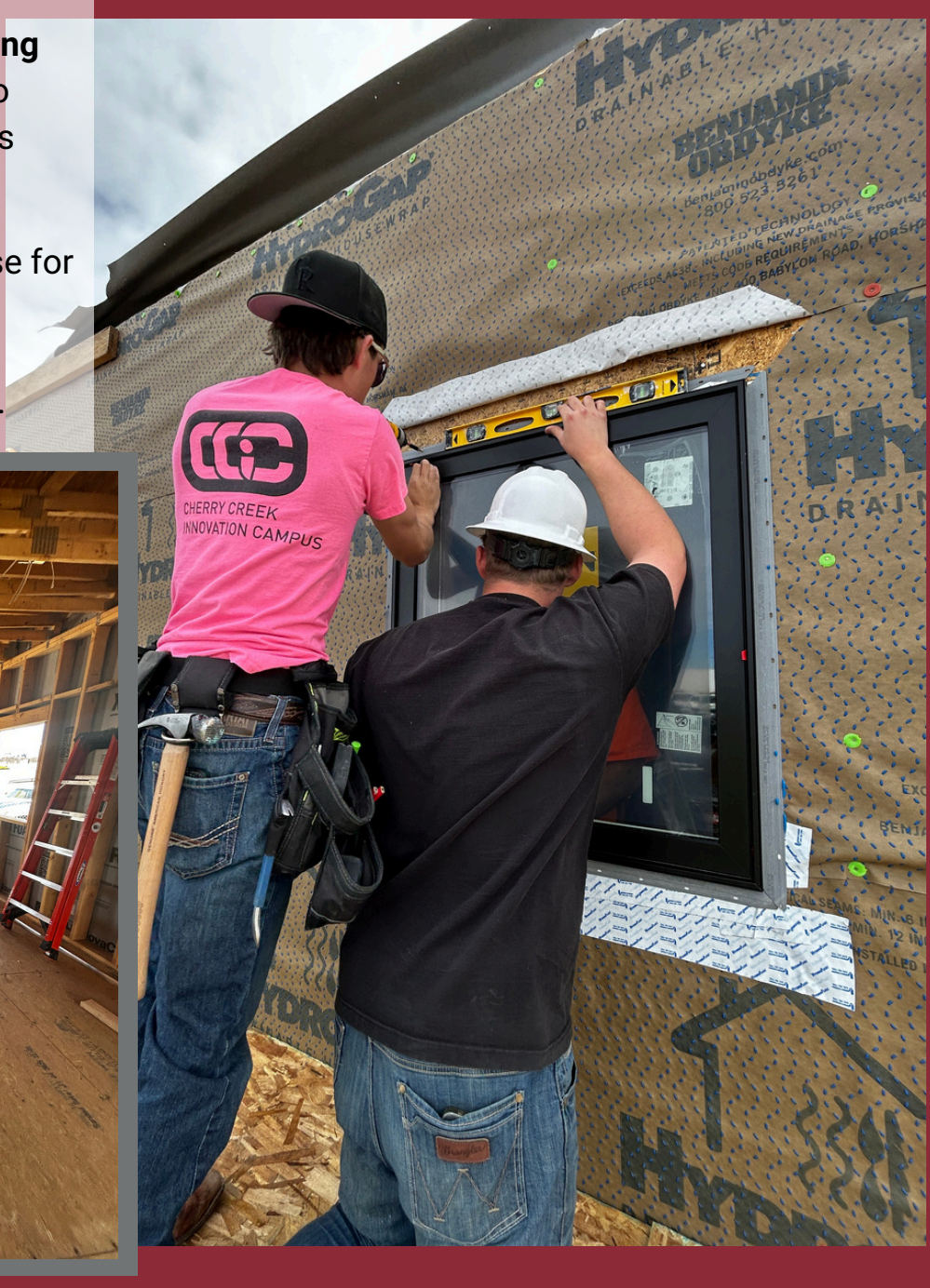
CONSTRUCTION 2 UPDATE

- The house is dried in, weather barrier wrapped and currently getting windows and siding

- CCIC Alumni Brendan now working for **Steel Bros Heating** guest taught class on how to read Manual J HVAC designs and install duct work.

- Students are wiring the house for outlets, switches, lights, and even low voltage cable for speakers and smart devices.





CELEBRATIONS

ACE MENTOR PROGRAM
ARCHITECTURE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING

MORE INFO HERE

SCHOLARSHIP ALERT!

Congrats to Kyle Groves of Eaglecrest High School for his $10,000 scholarship awarded by the ACE Mentorship program!

CCIC sent 3 teams to present at the CU Denver School of Architecture.

Want to be involved? ACE will start back up again end of Fall '26.

MEDALIST ALERT!

CCIC sent 53 students to the SkillsUSA State Championships competition in Pueblo this month.

Collectively, we took home 41 medals (23 Golds!) and the students represented our programs well.

Gold medalists will have the opportunity to compete at Nationals in Atlanta, GA this June.

SkillsUSA COLORADO



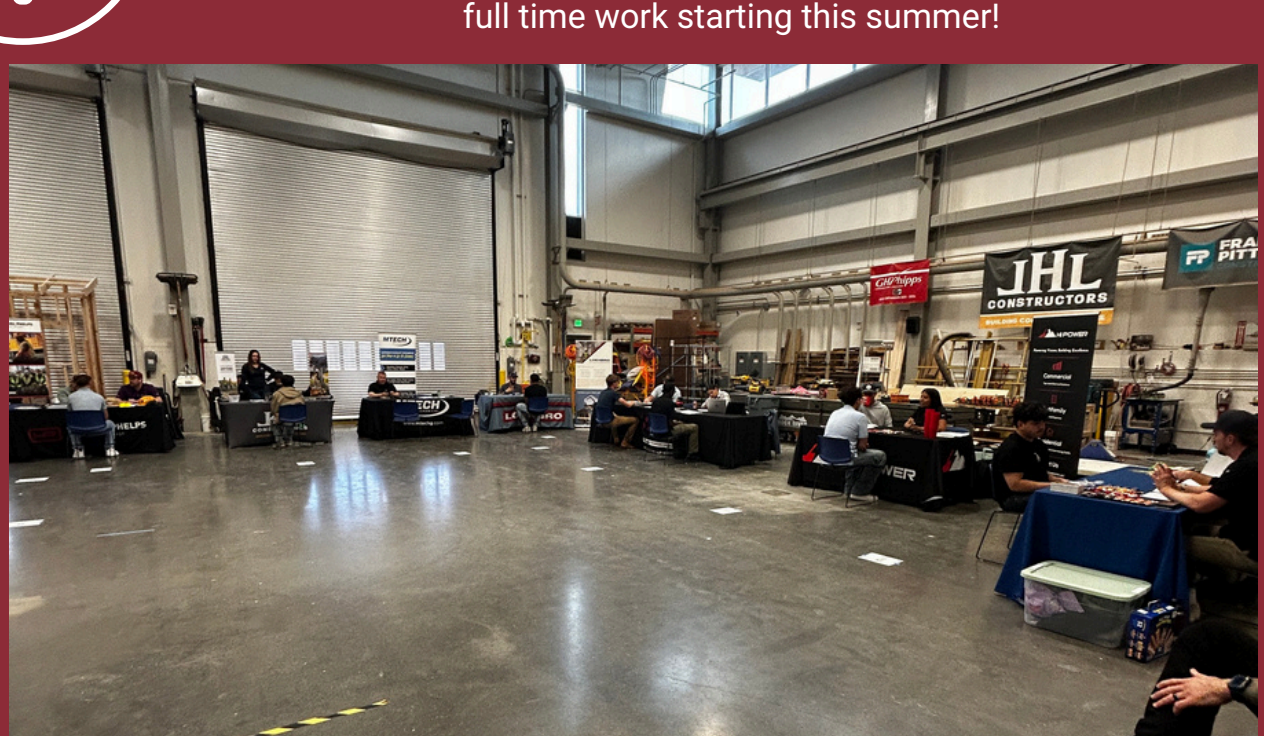




"LET'S GET TO WORK!"

DID YOU KNOW ?

At the CCSD Hiring Fair on April 16th, more than 500 students attended and our Construction Trades program hosted more than **150 speed interviews** with local construction industry employers in order to get students jobs for both part time and full time work starting this summer!



THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

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A QUICK NOTE *from your teachers*

"And just like that another year is coming quickly to a close as we send more than 100 students out into the construction workforce this summertime. This is one of our favorite times of the year - when students get to look back on everything they learned and ask themselves about an important next step - what do I want to do next? For some, they'll join a construction company full time - making a great wage, earning benefits, and beginning a career path that will pay them back as much as they put in. For others, they'll dabble in part time summer work and determine whether this is what they want to do with their lives. Others will prepare to go off to college, some studying construction management, others engineering. And finally, a large chunk of students will decide this is not the path for them. That's ok too - they'll make an amazing homeowner someday.

Looking ahead - we're excited for many things. We're excited to wrap up the year with some beautiful handmade cutting boards. Our year 2 students are excited to look back and reflect on how far they've come on the Habitat House - handing over the keys to next year's returning year 2 students - prepping the house to ship in the Fall. And finally, we're excited to welcome next year's 122 new Construction 1 students!

Thank you for a great year! We're grateful for the lessons learned, skills taught, memories made and lives impacted. Please stay connected with our program and continue to follow along with all we do!

Sincerely,
Mike Degitis & Jim Dosky

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Every skilled professional starts somewhere. These Industry Changers started right here.



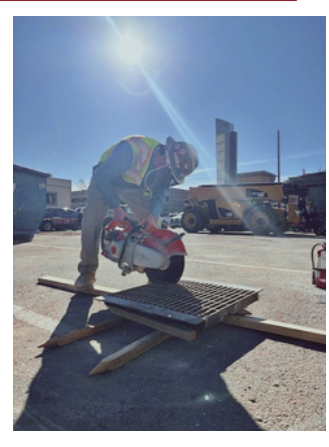
"Wiring circuits in class was the first time I realized I liked electrical work. I got hired doing summer work and now I'm full time - and still get to go help out in class."

- Reid, New Phase Electric



"CCIC gave me a huge head start into my electrical apprenticeship. I knew tools, safety, and how the jobsite works. It made my transition that much better."

- Jose, Kenny Electric



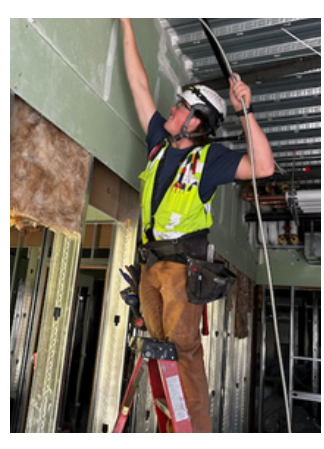
"Framing walls and working with concrete in class got me hooked. We took a pile of studs and turned it into someone's new home. CCIC taught me hard work and showing up to do my best every day."

- Anderson, JHL Constructors



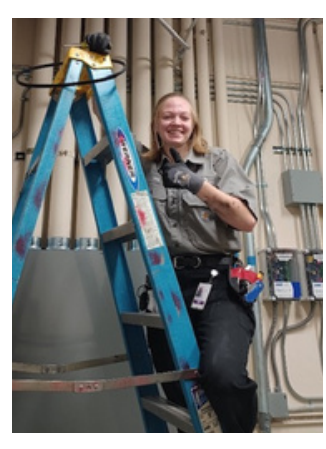
"Before this class I never considered plumbing as a career. Now I work full time and use the skills I learned here every day on the job."

- Aiden, Spotless Plumbers



"I graduated, moved to Montana, and immediately jumped into work with Encore. Now I'm working on big resort jobs thanks to CCIC"

- Jack, Encore Electric



"CCIC was the best experience of my high school career. I gained confidence and now use my problem solving skills every day as a building technician."

- Anna, Schnitzer West



"I never saw myself getting into high end Venetian Plaster, but now I wouldn't trade it for anything. CCIC opened doors I never knew existed!"

- Adrian, Aria Custom Designs



"I'm grateful for my program at the CCIC and for connecting me with FP. I've been happy ever since."

- Davon, Fransen Pittman



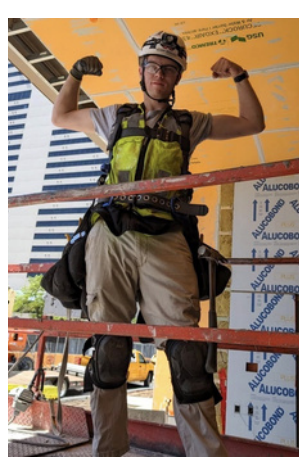
"CCIC gave me the confidence to start my own company at 18. Now I own my own fleet and do 7 figures worth of work a year."

-Quaid, Hirsch Construction



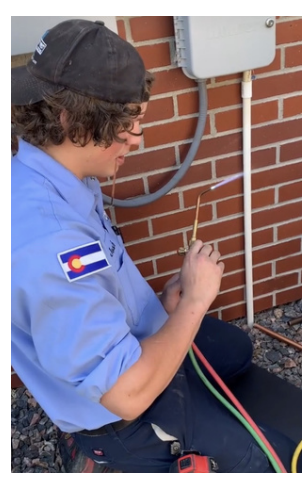
"I'm grateful for the exposure to multiple career paths. I've always dreamt of being a welder and now I am!"

- Riley, Western Industrial



"What motivated me was the dedication of my teachers and guests who were passionate about their craft and growth of the students."

- Vaughn, Hensel Phelps



"CCIC gave me a leg up on starting my career early. I found my niche in HVAC, the pay is great and I love what I do."

- Josh, Quality First HVAC

A DAY IN THE FIELD





Thank you to **Taylor Morrison Homes** for hosting us for a Day in the Field at the Aurora Highlands. Students got to see houses in various phases of construction - from foundation all the way through the model home!

UP & COMING

- May 7th - Last day with Seniors
- May 15th - Last day with Underclassmen
- August 18th - First day of CCIC Classes - Fall '26

NEXT YEAR'S STUDENTS

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

At the beginning of April we hosted a **Fall Orientation** online meeting for new students starting in the Fall.

Missed it? No stress!

Check out all the information you need here - PRESENTATION & RECORDING (scroll to 42:00)

Have questions? Please don't hesitate to get in touch!.



Exterior Sheathing



Intro to Duct Work



SkillsUSA Masonry



SkillsUSA Plumbing