CHICAGO BUILDS SHARES STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

With one school year under its belt, the Chicago Builds Program - a comprehensive citywide construction initiative designed to bring back the trade school model to Chicago public schools - was on display June 14th at the Dunbar High School campus as CISCO and city officials viewed the facilities and heard student success stories.

Students who graduated this month and are on track for further education in the union construction industry or a union apprenticeship are:

Rudi Robinson - Crane High School. Rudi plans to work with FH Paschen Construction during the summer via paid internship. FH Paschen also works with CPS and City Colleges on initiatives to introduce women into careers in construction.

Rico Smart - South Shore International College Prep. Rico began working this week on a union construction job site within the IBEW Local 134 Helpers Program. Rico is on a direct path to becoming an electrician. His next steps will be to successfully pass his entrance exam, and then complete the necessary apprenticeship training. This is an inspiring example of how the Chicago Builds Program can help a student attain a career in the union construction industry.

Kyle Jacobs - Kennedy High School. Kyle will be participating in a part of the apprenticeship program for the Pipefitters, Local 597, this summer. Kyle performed well in the Chicago Builds Welding program and competed in the regional Welding competition held on-site at the Pipefitters Training Center in Mokena back in April.

India Preston - Dunbar High School. India, a junior, just began a paid summer internship with Peoples Gas Company this week. She excelled at welding during her first year in the Chicago Builds Program.

CISCO PARTNERS WITH PEOPLES GAS AT NEW TRAINING CENTER

Peoples Energy unveiled its new $20 million training facility in Little Village, located at 4228 W. 35th Place.

Peoples Gas, along with their construction contractors, will support the city, Chicago Public Schools and CISCO to develop and implement two successive high school internship experiences. These experiences will develop young people through mentorship, and career readiness training, to create a direct pipeline to trade apprenticeship opportunities.

The new training center will feature a mock “gas city” with a fully functioning natural gas delivery system to 20 mock homes and businesses. There, employees and their contractors will practice installing and servicing natural gas pipes and meters, conducting safety inspections, locating pipelines and responding to emergencies.

Receiving their keys to the training center’s “Gas City”, are (from left) Ricardo Munoz, Alderman, 22nd Ward; Mayor Rahm Emanuel; and State Senator Martin Sandoval, 11th Dist. Also pictured are (from left to right) India Preston; Lori Flores Rolfson, VP-Operations, Peoples Gas; and Charles Matthews, President/CEO, Peoples Gas.

India Preston (second from left) poses with (from left) CPS Sr. Program Coordinator Rashaan Meador, Chicago Building Commissioner Judy Fryland and Roy Curry, Program Director for Chicago Builds as India is congratulated for her upcoming internship with Peoples Gas.
CAREER INFORMATION FAIR HELD AT PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE

About 60 individuals from the South Cook County region attended a June 14th Career Information Fair held at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights. Attendees learned about union trades and how they can help in the pursuit of a career in the union construction industry.

Nine different trades were on hand, along with representatives of the Illinois Army National Guard and the Chicago Women in Trades. The Fair was made possible by the support of CISCO, the South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation and the Illinois Department of Employment Security and several local elected officials.

SAVE THE DATE FOR CISCO’S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

CISCO’s Annual Golf Outing will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at Bloomingdale Golf Club - 181 Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomingdale, IL.

Rich Schuman, Laborers Homer Street Administrator, provides another attendee with information about the application requirements necessary for entry into the Laborers apprenticeship program.

Johnetta Ryan, CISCO’s Education-to-Careers Director shares information about the building trades’ apprenticeship programs.

Mike Borjas, Teamsters Construction Driver Instructor explains the apprenticeship program to a participant.

Brian Dubin, Roofers Apprenticeship Instructor advises an event attendee.

Ceramic Tile Setter Instructor Gavin Collier greets a participant as apprentice Princess Gonzales looks on.

LOCAL 150 RATIFIES 4-YEAR PACT

On Sunday, June 25, members of the Operating Engineers Local 150 ratified a 4-year deal on its tentative Heavy/Highway and Building Agreements in Districts 1, 2, 3 and 5. For details, visit www.local150.org.

INDUSTRY NEWS

A recent article in the Chicago Tribune listed more than 10 massive developments currently underway or in advanced planning stages in Chicago valued at more than $1 billion.

Projects valued at $1 billion+: Wanda Vista Tower, Cook County Hospital Redevelopment, Michael Reese Hospital, Grant Park Residential Towers, Riverline, 62-acre South Loop site redevelopment, Finkl Steel facility, Union Station, Wolf Point Towers 2 & 3, Twin Wacker Drive Office Towers


Both IDOT and the Capital Development Board have announced plans to shut down all ongoing projects effective June 30. Barring the passage of a FY2018 budget - or an appropriations bill that would pay for transportation-related projects - the agencies will have no authority to expend funds after the current fiscal year ends on June 30. At press time, a budget has not been passed.