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PROGRESS REPORT

We welcome every opportunity for trades professionals to visit our schools and learn about their construction programs. In March, [DeWalt](#) Trade Specialists Dylan Stott and Erick Cornejo stopped by the [San Marcos High School](#) campus to talk with Construction Teacher Chris Geldert about his current program and his plans for the future.

Dylan and Erick talked with Chris about how DeWalt could provide instructional support to teach our students about the proper operation of their tools and other ways that DeWalt could support Chris' construction program.

The [Maintenance Department](#) of the [Vista Unified School District](#) has 23 dedicated team members working across 9 construction trades who service all school and district properties, including 32 facilities with 2,200,000 square feet of floor space.

This month, Gabe, a professional plumber from the Maintenance Department, took time away from his busy day to talk with two of our senior [Rancho Buena Vista](#) students who plan to pursue careers in plumbing after they graduate. He talked about the career path for a plumber, including the skills and training required, expected pay scales and opportunities for career growth. Citing examples around the school campus, Gabe described the types of projects that plumbers work on. As Mike Rowe says, AI can't be trained to do plumbing!



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EVENTS

CIEF Design Build Competition

April 22 - 23
Golden West College
Huntington Beach, CA

VIP PROFILE

Construction Industry Education Foundation Design Build

The big event that we have all been waiting for is back. On April 22 - 23, the [Construction Industry Education Foundation](#) (CIEF) will host its annual SoCal Design Build Competition at [Golden West College](#) in Huntington Beach. Forty schools from southern California have registered to participate in this year's event, including 6 schools from San Diego County: Poway High School, Ramona High School, Rancho Buena Vista High School (Vista) San Diego High School, San Marcos High School, and IDEA Center High School (Santee and El Cajon). All but Ramona High School participated in last year's competition. Come out and support our students in action. Watching our students build their projects is more fun than Disneyland, and the admission is free!



REGISTER NOW

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SUPPORT REAL TOOLS, REAL TRAINING, REAL IMPACT

Support the next generation of builders by sponsoring the CIEF Design Build Competition®. This no-cost, real-world experience allows high school students to design and build structures under the guidance of industry professionals. Many projects are used by schools or donated to local charities.

- Inspire future builders and industry leaders
- Connect your brand with students, educators, and the construction community
- Build community impact as student projects support schools and local causes



INDUSTRY LUNCH



Join us on Day 2 of the Design Build Competition® to tour student-built structures, enjoy lunch, and celebrate with awards and scholarships for students pursuing careers in the built environment.

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APRIL 22-23, 2026

**GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE, LOT D
15744 GOLDENWEST STREET
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OUR SPONSORS

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE, SMHS

San Marcos High School: SM #1

- Chapter 1 Trailer
- Chapter 2 Framing
- Chapter 3 Rough Plumbing
- Chapter 4 Rough Electrical
- Chapter 5 Wall Sheathing
Roofing Shear
Moisture Barrier
- Chapter 6 Roofing
- Chapter 7 Windows & Doors
- Chapter 8 Exterior
Exterior Trim
Finish
- Chapter 9 HVAC
Venting
- Chapter 10 Insulation
- Chapter 11 Interior Wall
Ceiling Covering
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Touch-ups
- Chapter 16 Health & Safety
Final Testing
Certification
Submission

Our students are working to prepare the water supply system in SM #1 for their Rough Plumbing inspection, including a hydro pressure test. They also worked on the final touches of the [Westlake Royal Solutions, Unified Steel Stone Coated Roofing](#) installation. They added corner trim pieces around the fascia on the front and end walls.

They also continued with caulking the exterior siding in preparation for inspection and painting.



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San Marcos High School: SM #2

This month our students focused on the completion of the Drain-Waste-Vent system in SM #2. They are preparing for the inspection of the Rough Plumbing, including a hydro pressure test of the water supply system. They also worked on the final touches of the [Westlake Royal Solutions, Unified Steel Stone Coated Roofing](#) installation.

Our SMHS students will be on Spring Break from March 30 through April 5.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE, RBVHS

Rancho Buena Vista High School: RBV #1

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Our RBV students completed the wrapping of RBV #1 with Moisture Barrier house wrap and started installing 6-inch window flashing tape around the windows. Our students learned how to install felt roof underlayment on an instructional mockup before starting to install the underlayment on the roof of RBV #1.

Michael McSweeney of the [California Homebuilding Foundation](#) (CHF) instructed students on construction measurements and tested their measurement skills as part of CHF's certification program.



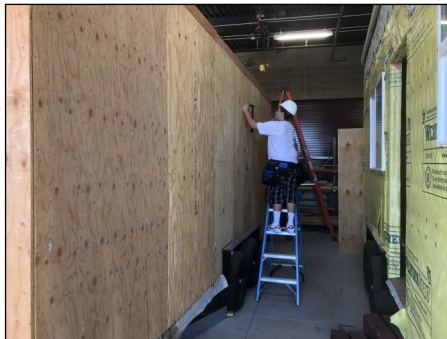
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Our RBV students continued to install the Wall Sheathing on SP # 1 (aka RBV # 2). Our friends from the [HBI Transitioning Military and Veterans Program](#) will be coming to campus to work side-by-side with our students to install lap siding on RBV # 1 and 2. Our students are working hard to complete everything required to install the lap siding on both houses before the Marines arrive.

When not working on their houses, our students have been honing their electrical skills by assembling simple electrical circuits on an instructional mockup.



PARTNERS

HBI, ABC San Diego, Building Talent Foundation and BIA San Diego

BOOTS TO TOOLS

LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER

Organized by:



On March 20th, the Home Builders Institute ([HBI](#)), the Associated Builders and Contractors of San Diego ([ABC San Diego](#)), the [Building Talent Foundation](#), and the Building Industry Association of San Diego ([BIA San Diego](#)) teamed up to host their **2nd Annual Veterans, Family Members & Skilled Workers Job Fair** at the HBI Camp Pendleton Career Center in San Marcos. This event is more than just a job fair, it is a workforce initiative designed to connect veterans, military family members, trade school students, and skilled workers with meaningful career opportunities in the construction industry.

The Job Fair featured 33 top trade companies in residential, commercial and industrial construction. The participating companies were actively recruiting for positions across San Diego, the Inland Empire, Orange County and Los Angeles. Many of the companies were hiring on the spot. This was an outstanding opportunity for veterans, graduating students and recent graduates to secure employment or begin building relationships that lead to career in the trades.

Over 200 attended the Job Fair, which was open to:

- Veterans
- Veterans' family members
- Skilled workers
- Students
- Job seekers looking for careers in the trades



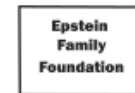
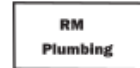
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SPONSORS



DONATE TO THE WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

The Warrior Village Project has joined the San Diego Gives 2026 Campaign. It is easy to donate to the Warrior Village Project through the [San Diego Gives online platform](#). Your donation will go to the Warrior Village Project General Fund to purchase materials to build Moveable Tiny Houses in high school construction classes in San Diego County.

The trailer foundation and building materials and consumables required for one Moveable Tiny House (MTH) cost about \$44,000. The curriculum and the inspection and certification package cost about \$6,000.

The cost of installing an MTH as an Accessory Dwelling Unit would depend on the site. But, it should cost about \$20,000 per house. Hence, we can provide a permanent, fully equipped tiny house for a homeless person for about \$70,000 per unit.

According to the [Turner Center for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley \(January 2026\)](#): "In 2023, it cost approximately \$630,000 to develop one subsidized housing unit funded with Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) equity in California, nearly 20 percent more than in 2019, after accounting for inflation."

Isn't it time to start building truly affordable housing?



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General Fund

Help us build truly affordable housing while training the next generation of home builders.



2026 Campaign

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We need to raise \$80,000 to purchase materials to complete the four Moveable Tiny Houses we are building at San Marcos High School, San Pasqual High School and Rancho Buena Vista High School.

