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Solano and Napa Students Participate in Trades Tour

More than 200 students from Solano and Napa counties participated in a local trades tour, Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; visiting training centers for Electrical Workers in Napa, Carpenters in Fairfield and Napa, Sheetmetal Workers in Fairfield, Heat & Frost Insulators and Iron Workers in Benicia, and Plumbers and Steamfitters in Vacaville. During their training center visits, Napa-Solano area high school students received information on the many opportunities a union construction career can offer. The tour has taken place for the last several years and is sponsored by Napa-Solano Central Labor Council, Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), North Bay Apprenticeship Coordinators Association, and Napa-Solano Building Trades.

“This valuable partnership is based on our commitment to provide students with an opportunity to explore the excellent career options in the trades for our area. The tour is an exciting experience for students, as they are able to see state of the art equipment used in different trades and ask questions directly to labor leaders and trainers,” said Solano Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. As in previous years, SCOE provided transportation for the event.

Solano and Napa counties offer training centers in six trades within a half-hour of one another. The apprenticeship system of training includes both classroom instruction and on-the-job experience. These state-approved apprenticeships are attractive to high school graduates as they provide free training using an “earn while you learn” model as an apprentice starts a career in construction. Centers include: Sheet Metal Workers Local 104, Carpenters Regional Training Center, Ironworkers Local 378, Heat and Frost Insulators Local 16, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 180, and Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 342.

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