

17TH BCA CONSTRUCTION CAREER ACADEMY

March 10 & 12, 2020 | 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ivy Tech Community College | Fort Wayne, IN



ACADEMY OBJECTIVES

- To educate high school students about commercial construction industry career options and help bridge the gap for them from their classrooms to BCA members' jobsites and employment
- To show students what skills and abilities are needed by professional contractors and how to prepare for a successful career in the commercial construction industry
- To build awareness of apprenticeship programs as well as college programs and the importance of formal education after high school graduation, education essential for job advancement in most commercial construction industry careers

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The BCA Workforce Development & Education Committee first sponsored the Construction Career Academy (CCA) in 2001. CCA is for high school juniors and seniors with an expressed interest in pursuing a construction career to help them:

- Broaden their knowledge of the variety of trades and professional occupations used by commercial contractors in today's growing high-tech industry.
- Network with dozens of local employers eager to hire young people with the right basic skills, attitudes and abilities upon their high school graduations.
- Become eligible for two construction scholarships, one for \$2500 and the second for \$2000, awarded by BCA to assist worthy students with college or apprenticeship program expenses.

CCA has earned a strong reputation over the years as an effective, high-quality vocational opportunity and receives consistently strong reviews from the schools and the participating members. Enrollment is limited and students hand-selected by their teachers and counselors to participate based on certain criteria. BCA will be accepting up to 60 students for the 2020 CCA.

CCA is presented in two four-hour sessions. The opening presentation provides an overview of the industry and discusses roles of the general contractor. Following that students meet with 11 different trade contractors, spending 30 minutes with each learning about their particular trades and employment opportunities at their companies. Hands-on activities and student involvement are promoted. Students will have opportunities for one-on-one networking with current construction company managers, most of whom are influential in their company's hiring processes. Students should bring their resumes!

CCA offers students deeper insight into the exciting world of commercial construction industry careers, the pride that comes from being a professional in this challenging, high-tech industry and the best paths to become one of them.

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