

SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday, April 28, 2027
REGISTRATION OPEN!

CONSTRUCTION CAREER DAY 2026



Annual Construction Career Day: Building Our Future Workforce

For more than a decade, CT ABC has hosted a Construction Career Day event for high school and now some middle school students, delivering an unforgettable, high-energy experience. This year welcomed more than 1,000 students from high schools across Connecticut for a full day of hands-on exploration and career discovery in the trades.

The event brought together a wide range of exhibitors—many of them longtime partners—who continue to play a vital role in making this signature program possible year after year. Their ongoing commitment to workforce development was on full display, as they engaged directly with students, shared industry insights, and showcased the many rewarding pathways within construction and the skilled trades.

From interactive demonstrations to meaningful one-on-one conversations, students had the opportunity to experience the industry in action and envision their future within it. The enthusiasm throughout the day reflected both the growing interest in the trades and the dedication of CT ABC members to investing in the next generation.



"Students get to come out and experience what the construction industry has to offer," said Chris Fryxell, president of the Connecticut Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors. "We've got kids operating [with supervision] excavators, working the cranes, scissor lifts, these kids get their hands dirty and have real-world experiences."



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FOX 61 News video
coverage of the event.

With its strong participation and lasting impact, Construction Career Day continues to be a cornerstone event for CT ABC—inspiring students with opportunity and helping to build the future of Connecticut's construction industry.

Special Thanks to Our Exhibitors, Supporters & Sponsors

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Safety Orientation

Thanks to our **Next Generation Safety Sponsor**, Interstate Electrical Services Corp., each participant received a PPE SWAG bag that included hard hat, ear plugs, safety goggles and gloves.

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This was followed with CT ABC's **required Safety Orientation**, presented by Scotty Bidwell, Safety Manager, EMCOR Services New England Mechanical. Scotty instructed everyone about the need for and proper use of safety gear, not only during the event, but any time anyone is using power tools and equipment, on the job site, at work and especially at home.



2026 Participation

Amity Region 5 High School
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 Berlin High School
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 Branford High School
 Bunnell High School
 Connecticut River Academy
 Daniel Hand High School
 Derby High School
 Fairfield Warde High School
 GRACE Home School Alliance
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 Litchfield Hills Transition Center
 McGee Middle School
 Middletown Adult Education
 New Britain High School
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 Newtown High School
 North Haven HS/Holzner Construction
 O.H. Platt High School
 Old Saybrook High School
 Plainville Adult Education
 Plainville High School
 Pomperaug High School
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 Rockville High School
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 West Hartford Public Schools
 Wethersfield High School
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8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

New Life Church, 350 High Hill Rd Wallingford, CT



Join us for **Construction Career Day** for a hands-on, innovative and exciting student expo. Students can **OPERATE** a skid steer, excavator and crane simulator; **CLIMB** a United Illuminating utility pole; **BUILD** a masonry wall; **CUT** tile; **BEND** pipe; **USE** a variety of power tools... and more! **NOW** is the time to educate and empower today's students to reach for tomorrow's careers in construction.

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The Future is Trained Here

Where apprentices start, professionals advance, and the industry connects.

Join Us in Building What's Next

The Construction Education Center is raising funds to purchase and develop a new facility that will serve Connecticut's construction industry for decades to come.

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