

Success in the Classroom



Metro Atlanta

- Richard Elder, Crim Open Campus, received the 2016 CTAE Teacher of the Year Award for his work this past year in addition to the 2016 “Top Gun” work-based learning coordinator for the state of Georgia. To help Elder build on his successful program, Batson-Cook Company has stepped up to the plate to create a new construction lab.

Both Elder and Batson-Cook plan to use the construction of the new lab as a learning opportunity for the students. On Friday, August 26, members from Batson-Cook met with the students and Elder to brainstorm a layout for the new lab (*see picture on bottom left*). During this time, students learned about working on as-builts. Construction started in early October and completion is scheduled for mid-December. Students will be assisting Batson-Cook’s project team throughout construction.

- Collins and Arnold Construction Co., LLC donated leftover lumber to Roswell High School. The students will build an outdoor classroom with the materials.

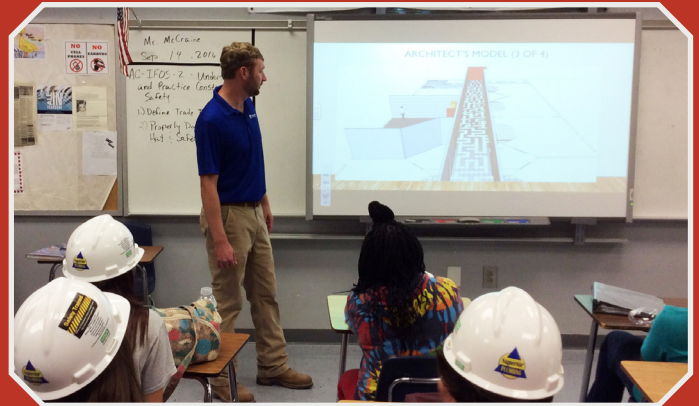
South Georgia

- Colquitt County High School currently has 190 students in the carpentry program who are eager to get into the lab and work on projects this school year.





Joe Tuggle, Swofford Construction, brings panel to Griffin High School.



A project manager with River City Contracting shows students plans for the renovation project at the school.



Collins and Arnold Construction Co. provided lumber from a wood bridge project to students at Roswell High School.



Lumpkin County students work on a Habitat for Humanity home.

Southeast Georgia

- Fred Hill, H. A. Sack Co., Inc., visited students at Evans High School on September 13. Hill discussed the importance of being prepared to operate in the work environment as well as the concerns of employers with graduating students and their lack of soft skills and work ethic needed to succeed in today's workforce. He also spoke in detail about apprenticeship programs and careers in construction. The same message was delivered the next day to students at Statesboro High School.

Southern Crescent Region

- On August 31, Joe Tuggle moderated a panel discussion for students in Walter Preston's Griffin High School construction classroom. Industry representatives fielded questions from students regarding careers in the industry. Representatives from member firms Swofford Construction, Inc. and Speir & Associates Electrical Contractors, Inc. participated on the panel.

Northeast Georgia

- Jeff Bearinger and his students at Lumpkin County High School partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build a 3 bedroom, 2 bath house at the high school. Upon completion, the structure will be moved to the home site.

West Central Georgia

- River City Contracting of Columbus spoke with Tony McCraine's construction students at Jordan High School on September 15. The school is currently being renovated by River City. During the visit, the project manager showed students how plans are used and explained the scheduling process. Students then received a tour of the project (see top photo on page 2).

2016 GACTE Summer Leadership Conference July 10-13, 2016



Mike Kenig, Holder Construction Company, spoke to teachers attending the conference about the strides AGC Georgia and our members are making in our workforce development initiatives. He shared our Key Principles and how the teachers can help their students be more prepared for a career in construction after they leave the classroom.

Brasfield & Gorrie hosted 50 high school construction teachers at their Azure on the Park jobsite. On July 13, John Case, CHST, Safety Manager for the project, gave the teachers a VIP tour of the 25-floor property.



Washington High School construction teacher, Antonio Young shared the importance of taking students on field trips and out of town conferences to get a hands-on learning experience. By opening up jobsites to local schools, students gain a wealth of knowledge by visiting and learning from construction professionals.



Using Google in the classroom is a powerful tool, and it opens up a new world of possibilities. Matthew White of Statesboro High School shared how he utilizes Google and its many entities as part of his instruction and explained best practices on managing a construction classroom.



Dean Cutler, East Laurens High School, and Jeff Johnson, West Laurens High School, discussed AGC Georgia's regional alliances. They addressed how the alliances are benefiting their programs and why it's important to embrace local contractors who want to connect with teachers and educate students about careers in construction.



(pictured with plaques, l-r) Dean Cutler, East Laurens High School; Jim Steel, Crisp County High School; and Matthew White, Statesboro High School, were recognized for the following awards 2016 CEFGA Instructor of the Year, 2016 CEFGA Pipeline Award, and 2016 CEFGA Leadership Award, respectively, at the CEFGA Instructor Appreciation Dinner. Joining them to receive their awards were *(l-r)* Mike Dunham, AGC Georgia CEO; Zach Fields, CEFGA Director of School Relations; Bill Chambless, AGC Member Development Specialist; and Mike Kenig, Holder Construction Company.



Building a Stronger Pipeline



Statesboro High School Advisory Committee discusses plans for current school year.

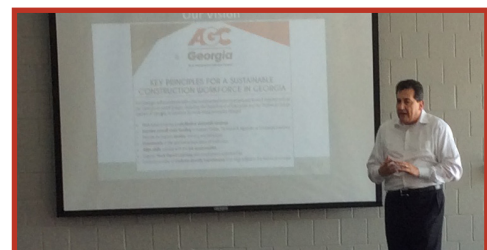
Kennesaw State CM program held a Welcome Cookout for new students.



- This summer, Steve Barrette with MetroPower and Bill Chambless met with administrators and the President of South Georgia Technical College to tour the MetroPower apprenticeship program at the college. The group also discussed workforce issues plaguing the industry as a whole.
- In mid-August, industry professionals and representatives from the Department of Education gathered at Crim Open Campus to discuss workforce issues and how teachers can get involved. Randy Hall, AGC Georgia President and President/CEO of Batson-Cook Company, attended and shared what the association is doing to get more involved in the classroom and in the workforce development legislative discussion. Currently, Batson-Cook Company is working with the school to build a new construction lab. (see story p. 2)
- At a Go Build Georgia meeting earlier this year, an initiative was launched to advance and expand the ability for individuals and organizations to create and participate in apprenticeship programs. These programs are in connection with the Technical College System of Georgia. On August 22, trade associations, including AGC Georgia, along with representatives from the Department of Labor, Department of Education, and Governor's office met

to discuss these initiatives and to begin their implementation.

- The Statesboro High School Advisory committee met on August 29 to discuss the future of the program and plans for the 2016-17 school year. Attendees included Mike Jackson, Chair of Dept. of Civil Engineering and Construction Management at Georgia Southern University, an Ogechee Technical College instructor, Fred Hill of H. A. Sack Co., Inc., and Daniel Tucker of Mock Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc. Matthew White, Statesboro High School construction teacher, led the meeting.
- Nancy Black, Batson-Cook Company; Ryan Byars and Mike Kenig (pictured below), Holder Construction Company; Mike Feather, Marek Interior Systems, Inc., Michael Hatcher, Sovereign Construction & Development, LLC; and Mike Dunham and Bill Chambless, AGC Georgia, attended the organizing meeting to create the Atlanta Construction Industry Sector Partnership on September 1.



Resources

Want to know how to introduce construction to students at the elementary and middle level?

SkillsUSA created a curriculum entitled “Jump Into STEM” to engage younger students in learning about careers in the trades. The program allows teachers or visitors to go into the classroom and teach about career clusters. To uncover more resources, consider becoming a professional member of SkillsUSA. By joining, you receive complimentary access to all lesson plans.

Visit <http://www.skillsusageorgia.org/advisors.htm> to sign up today.

Read over the “Jump Into STEM” electrician and architect plans by visiting <http://bit.ly/2dlvRGq>.

Looking to get connected with your local school?

Contact Bill Chambless, Member Development Specialist, at chambless@agcga.org or 478.972.5865.

- Students at Oconee Fall Line Technical College now have the opportunity to participate in AGC of America’s Supervisor Training Program (STP). Upon completion, students will receive a certificate for each unit as well as college credits. Charlie Garbutt, CEO of Garbutt Construction Co., was instrumental in bringing this education opportunity to local students. Also, Roger Byrd, Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC), worked diligently with AGC of America to get the program quickly accredited. Guest speakers during the course of the six units include the following AGC Georgia members: Jacob Patton, All-State Electrical Contractors; Brent Darnell, Brent Darnell International; Charlie Garbutt and Edgar Graham, Garbutt Construction Co., and Jim Bidgood and Phil Beck, Smith, Currie, and Hancock, LLP.
- Parrish Construction Group, Inc. sponsored Kennesaw State University CM students’ Welcome Back Cookout. Several students signed up to participate in the program’s AGC Student Chapter. Cherri Watson, Director of Education, Safety and Workforce Development, serves on the Advisory Board and is the staff liaison to the student chapter.



(1) & (2): Randy Hall meets with Dawn Parker and Richard Elder of Crim Open Campus to discuss workforce efforts.

(3) Charlie Garbutt meets with students who will participate in the OFTC STP learning units.

(4) Jacob Patton, All-State Electrical Contractors, teaches the first session of STP at OFTC.

Upcoming Dates

Events listed below and on the web are looking for sponsors and industry participants. Meet your future workforce at the source!

- 10/24-25** 2RE, formerly known as the SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference
Atlanta
- 10/25** Get Wired T&I/Construction! Career Day
Valdosta
- 10/28** Gwinnett County Career Connections Expo
Lilburn
- 11/4** Southern Crescent/Central Georgia Alliance Skills Challenge
Griffin
- 11/17** East Georgia Alliance Skills Challenge
Augusta
- 1/19/17** SkillsUSA Region 3 Championship
Atlanta
- 1/20/17** SkillsUSA Region 6 Championship
Dublin
- 2/2/17** SkillsUSA Region 2 Championship
Clarksville

SkillsUSA Region 5 Championship
Griffin
- 2/3/17** SkillsUSA Region 4 Championship
Columbus

SkillsUSA Region 8 Championship
Brunswick

For more information about upcoming Workforce Development events, please visit www.agcga.org/WFDCalendar.