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DUPAGE COUNTY HANDS-ON EXPO

Co-sponsoring with Glen Ellyn-based College of DuPage, CISCO conducted a two-day Hands-On Expo, Tuesday, March 1 and Wednesday, March 2 at the Laborers' District Council Training Center in Carol Stream.

Approximately 100 students from DuPage County schools participated. Students from Naperville North High School, Glenbard North High School and Thayer J Hill Middle School in Naperville benefited from instructors and apprenticeship coordinators from several regional trades.

The building trades that participated in the event represented the Laborers, Carpenters, Bricklayers, Pipefitters Local 597, Electricians Local 701, Roofers Local 11, and instructors with the Tech Center of DuPage that focused on the HVAC and General Construction Programs.



Laborers' City of Chicago Apprenticeship Supervisor John Retondo provides a few tips to one of the students on the art of using a chipping drill.

CISCO's Education-to-Careers Program was established to inform highly motivated young men and women on career opportunities in the construction industry. Events such as these help to maintain a healthy labor supply in northeastern Illinois.



Tech Center of DuPage Steve Cervenka shows students how to use a thermal imaging camera for HVAC projects.

"The purpose of conducting the Hands-On Expos is to show students what the building trades do by letting them do bricklaying or running a chip drill," said Dan Allen, CISCO Executive Director. "We give the participants real life experiences."



Roofers Local 11 Apprenticeship Instructor Kevin Coleman watches as a student uses a heater to smooth out and adhere a sheet of roofing paper.

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Henry Zurawski, IBEW 701 Apprenticeship Coordinator walks students through the proper wiring of an electric outlet.



Carpenters Assistant Apprenticeship Coordinator Nick Sanfilippo helps a student cut a circular hole through wall board before it is fastened to a frame.



Pipefitters Local 597 Apprenticeship Instructor Calvin Gordon guides this student through a computerized welding exercise.

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CISCO IN NEWSMAKERS SPOTLIGHT

CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen recently spoke to about 90 attendees at the Daily Herald Business Ledger's Newsmakers' Forum on Construction and Real Estate recently. Allen was asked to address 1) a shortage of skilled construction workers, and 2) the economic impact of adopting right to work zones – one of the Governor's cornerstones of his so-called "Turnaround Agenda."



As many regions throughout the country report of critical shortages of skilled labor within the construction industry, CISCO likes to boast - "Not in our backyard!" Allen praised CISCO by saying it's Education-to-Careers Program was continuing to make students and adults aware of a career in the construction industry by promoting the Joint Apprenticeship Training Centers.

He also provided independent research numbers that show that right to work (for less) causes states to lose ground on several economic factors, increases fatalities on construction sites, and constitutes a "race to the bottom" as 9 of the 10 worst states in the U.S. in terms of poverty rate are states which have adopted a right to work law.

The same study shows that if just half of Illinois counties adopted right to work (for less), the total state labor earnings would fall by \$1.3 billion; the state's economy would shrink by \$1.5 billion, and state and local tax revenues would be reduced by \$80 million. The

reason is basic economics - when you reduce worker earnings, families have less buying power and demand for goods and services drops, and with, sales tax revenue.



Pictured above (at left) is Moderator Jim Elsener, Daily Herald Business Ledger's Manager of Business Development; and panelists Dan Allen; Art Rendak, President of Inland Mortgage Capital Corp.; and Bryan Gay, Economic Development Director for Choose DuPage.

ASA CHICAGO CONSTRUCTION EXPO & SAFETY CONFERENCE - MARCH 8TH

In conjunction with the Construction Safety Council, ASA Chicago will hold its Annual Construction Expo from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 at Drury Lane Conference Center in Oakbrook Terrace. You can be an Exhibitor/Sponsor or attend the event via General Admission. To register, visit asachicago.org today.

ANNUAL UCA SPRING SHOWCASE - APRIL 12TH

The Underground Contractors Association will host its Annual Spring Showcase Tuesday, April 12 from 3:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Venuti's Ristorante & Banquets, 2251 W. Lake St. in Addison.

Meet with professionals from all areas of the construction industry, and see the latest in technology with product and equipment displays and demos. To register, call the UCA at 630-467-1919.

SAVE THE DATE! CISCO'S ANNUAL LUNCHEON - FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 22 as CISCO prepares for its 28th Annual Luncheon! The event will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy, 1901 Woodfield Road in Schaumburg.

Watch for details of this year's event via invitations and web postings. This event includes a keynote speaker, and recognition of 2016 scholarship winners.



DAILY HERALD BUSINESS LEDGER'S AABE HONOREE EVENT - MARCH 16

The Daily Herald Business Ledger will present its Annual Awards for Business Excellence at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 at Medinah Banquets, 550 N. Shriners Drive in Addison.

CISCO is one of the event's co-sponsors and two of CISCO's nominees will be honored as Aldridge Electric in Libertyville and Riley Construction in Lake Bluff are set to be recognized that night.

Keynote speaker will be Mark S. Seigle, President, Seigle's Cabinet Center. For more information or to register, visit dhbusinessledger.com.

