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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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### LOCAL 134 TRAINING CENTER HOSTS ILLINOIS STATE APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

About 130 school counselors and educators attended the recent ISAC Conference held at the IBEW/NECA Local 134 Training Center in Alsip.



*Training Center Director Gene Kent addresses the audience.*

The day-long conference featured classroom sessions, followed by Hands-On activities conducted by 13 trades, a working lunch and a panel discussion. In addition, Access United and the Chicago Women in Trades were on hand to provide information to the group.



*"I was just blown away, and now I am thinking about all of the students who have been asking me about the trades. With the job market changing, it's not University for all anymore. Contractors want skilled workers, so at our school we have been promoting the skilled trades and the training that is involved."*

*"It is a new economy out in the real world for these kids, and for them they want employment and a career at the end of the rainbow." - Theresa King, Thornton High School Counselor (Above, doing a computerized welding exercise.)*



*"This conference offered a glimpse into what students in the trades are learning on a daily basis. It gave me a better understanding of what types of students they are looking for, and the information will help me guide students moving forward." - Anna Rauch, Bremen High School Counselor (Above, preparing to climb down a scaffold.)*



*"I now have a better understanding of how the apprenticeship programs function, the potential employment opportunities that are available upon completion, and what's needed to be accepted." - Jerome Balfour Advisor, Dawson Technical Institute (Above, cutting ceramic tile.)*

At the conclusion, discussion of a follow-up conference involving parents ensued. More conference photos appear in the third column featuring members of the trades.



*A counselor enjoys laying brick at the Bricklayers display.*



*Counselors gather to learn about the Sheet Metal Workers Local 73.*



*An advisor tries an exercise at the Roofers & Waterproofers Local 11 booth.*



*Counselors listen to application requirements for the Painters' program.*

**More news and photos on the back page.**



# CISCO ON THE MOVE

## AURORA AREA SCHOOLS TURN OUT FOR PAINTERS DC #30 EXPO

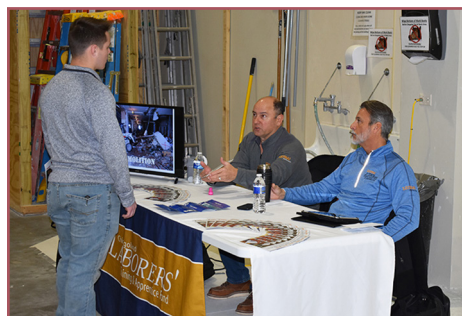
As part of National Apprenticeship Week, Painters District Council #30 hosted an Apprenticeship Expo last week at its Training Center in Aurora.

The Expo was a huge success as the event was attended by 525 students from 18 area high schools and middle schools, as 14 different building trades provided information and interactive displays to engage the students.



Throughout the Expo, CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen (above photo) provided a 20-minute presentation on the various trades and discussed some basic requirements needed to apply to any of the trades' apprenticeship programs. The presentations were timed so that all 18 schools could participate. CISCO also had a booth handing out general information about all of the trades' programs.

The following photos depict some of the activities that occurred during the Expo portion of the event.



## CISCO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: DEADLINE TO APPLY - FEB. 21, 2020

CISCO is accepting applications for its 2020 Scholarship Program. CISCO



offers (3), four-year scholarships to high school seniors; (2), two-year awards for seniors

planning on attending a community college; and (2), two-year continuing education awards to union members or contractor employees.

The application forms can be downloaded from CISCO's website ([www.cisco.org](http://www.cisco.org)). All applications and accompanying documents must be postmarked by February 21, 2020. For more information, contact CISCO at 630.472.9411.

## BEGINNING JAN. 1, 2020: LABORERS MANDATORY APPRENTICESHIPS

Starting on January 1, 2020, the Laborers Apprenticeship Program will move to a mandatory model. This is a change from the current model that contractors are used to operating under. In order to provide as much notice and information prior to the onset of this model as possible, the Laborers Apprenticeship School will be hosting the following industry meetings to advise contractor associations and contractors of these changes. The meeting dates are:

**November 20, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.**

**December 3, 2019 - 7:30 a.m.**

**December 5, 2019 - 7:30 a.m.**

**December 11, 2019 - 7:30 a.m.**

The meetings will be held at the Laborers Apprenticeship School, 5700 West Homer St., Chicago, IL 60639. To RSVP for one (or more of the meetings), call (630) 653-0006.

