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## Women in the Trades Expo



Turn out and engagement at the May 26 **Women in the Trades Expo** at Arturo Velasquez Institute (Daley's satellite campus, 2800 S. Western) was a success. More than 166 students from the fol-

lowing high schools participated: Bogan, Carver Military, Chicago Agriculture, Clark, Curie, Excel Southwest, Gage Park, Goode, Infinity, Instituto, Kelly, Kenwood, Lake View, Ogden, Prosser, Simpson, Social Justice, Solorio, Spry and Vaughn. Students participated

in hands-on activities in-

volving CNC, welding, masonry, sustainable urban horticulture and electricity.

Daley College extended a huge thank you to CISCO (Construction Industry Service Corporation), Chicago and Cook County North America's Building Trades Unions, IBEW Local 134, Windy City Harvest, Chicago Public Schools, and the Daley professors and staff for their support of this learning opportunity for future industry leaders.



PCA members host Building Commissioner & Administrators



Officers of PCA of Greater Chicago met with Chicago Building Department staff at a recent membership meeting, which included, (from left): Public Affairs Director Mike Puccinelli; Managing Deputing Commissioner Grant Ullrich; PCA President Brian Kennedy (Gehrett Plumbing); Commissioner Matt Beaudet; First Deputy Commissioner Marlene Hopkins; and PCA First VP Kelly Castrogiovanni (Terry Plumbing Co.).

Monetary donations are needed for the first ever, Back-to-School Hands-on Trade Fair, Friday, July 22, co-sponsored by CISCO, the Chicago & Cook County Building Trade and IBEW Local 134. Contact CISCO's Education-to-Careers Director Jamillah Muhammad at 312-771-4691 to donate.

## **CISCO ON THE MOVE**

## CONSTRUCTION TALKS



**CTA's Construction Talks** was spotted at the Bellwood-based Sheet Metal Workers' Local 73 Apprentice and Journeymen's Training Center where it interviewed Coordinator Sean Mulhearn and several apprentices, like 2nd year apprentice Jeremy Armfield, above center, for and upcoming YouTube segment. Apprentices discussed what got them into the trade, what they like best about the work and advice they'd give to anyone thinking of applying for a trade.

## WCPT Labor Panel



WCPT 820 AM's Thom Hartmann, Joan Esposito, Patti Vasquez and Rick Smith spoke with Union leaders May 25 regarding issues surrounding workers' rights and the state of Labor in the U.S. Union leaders who participated included SMART Local 265 Business Manager John Daniel, IBEW Local 176 Business Manager Mike Clemmons, Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 11 Business Representative Travis Gorman and CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen. Watch the video on CISCO's Facebook Page at facebook.com/CiscoBuildUnion or search: Construction Industry Service Corporation



The Chicago City Council recently approved a **\$1.7 billion casino** in River West, which means thousands of construction jobs.

The May 25 City Council approval of the casino ordinance and resolution

allows a casino in the City of Chicago and for Mayor Lori Lightfoot to enter into a Host Community Agreement (HCA) with Bally's Corporation.

The HCA is the official agreement between the City and Bally's, which outlines the terms agreed between the applicant and the municipality.

One of many core goals of the deal included Bally's agreement with organized labor, which the City deems necessary for the process to move forward.

In the agreement, Bally's will commit to 60 percent minority hiring and will create a jobs program specifically targeting neighborhoods with the highest levels of unemployment and lowest income. The jobs program also will include clear career pathways for upward mobility.

During a press conference, Lightfoot said the men and women of [Chicago] will have "good-paying jobs that they can build a future on."

The council also signed off on a host agreement that includes a "labor peace" pact and Bally's commitment to pay construction workers and permanent casino employees a "living wage."

Next is for the Illinois Gaming Board to OK the deal.