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Spring 'Break' Construction Institute

JUNEAU, Alaska—While most of their fellow high school students will take a spring “break” from classes next week, a select group of 20 Anchorage School District juniors and seniors will be in advanced carpentry and weatherization classes.

The Spring Construction Institute, March 9-17 at Alaska Works Partnership, is one of five certification opportunities available to juniors and seniors who are part of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Summer and Senior Job Clubs at the Youth Job Center.

The other certifications available are Builders Level and Lasers, Occupational Safety and Health Administration 10 work safety class, Forklift Safety and Operation, and North Slope Training Card that is required for work in the region.

“When they graduate, these seniors have hands-on training and experience to fill entry-level jobs in Alaska's construction industry,” Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. “They have skills in carpentry, electrical, mechanics, welding, plumbing, computer-aided design, construction coordination, landscaping, fence building and more.”

Throughout their senior year, students earn participation in the club that culminates in an Employer/Senior Hiring Event. This year's event will be Thursday, April 26 at the King Career Center with about 125 qualified graduating seniors and about 75 employers.

Since its inception, the placement rate for the high school seniors in either jobs or post-secondary education and training is near 100 percent.

To be invited to the Employer/Senior Hiring Event, the graduating seniors must be “job ready,” meaning they have taken construction trades classes, successfully completed a construction MATH assessment, completed a quality resume and attended workshops on employer expectations.

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