

# **Piedmont District Holds Student Job Site Tour, leaving Students wanting more on Construction Careers!**

**So what do you get when 30 architect and carpentry students, 4 instructors and counselors and 1 bus driver show up at a job site at 9:30 am on a VERY cold morning?**

## **SUCCESS!**

Richard Park and his team were waiting and ready to go, with safety equipment ready to hand out, when the students arrived at The Lofts at Meadowcreek; a multifamily apartment complex that will provide 1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments to the community. Richard Park of Pinnacle Construction & Development provided the students with an extensive tour of the project, explaining the project, and answering the student's questions as they transitioned through the project.

Thank you Richard Park and Ben from Pinnacle Construction and Development, and Jeff Sims and Evan from Martin Horn for hosting an amazing day of site tours for the Western Albemarle High School architect and carpentry students! Thank you also Eddie Gupton of Rockydale Quarries and Courtney Baker with AGCVA for joining us and for helping with drawings for AGCVA swag as well as helping with pick-up and delivery of food and beverages for everyone! It takes a village and each of you were part of the success of today's events!

The group left The Lofts at Meadowcreek located at 605 E Rio Road, Charlottesville and met Jeff Sims of Martin Horn at UVA's Davenport Field expansion project. The expansion project is estimated to cost between \$12 - \$18 million dollars upon completion. Upon arrival, the AGCVA Piedmont district hosted a hot lunch of Popeye's chicken for everyone, followed by a few door prizes for AGCVA swag. And then, the tour of the field expansion, hosted by Jeff Sims. Jeff showed the students the new bullpen, coaches offices, the player training and development areas, the new concourse, and the new field level club area with seating for 140 people, and the students sat in the new chairback seating along the first baseline. Caroline Bertrand, the Career Specialist at WAHS wrote, after the tours, the students were able to show their architecture instructor that the "big" plans were being used at the job site! And being on the job site confirmed their interest in the commercial construction industry, for several students.

## **What are the takeaways from the day?**

We need to do more tour days throughout the districts; maybe every other month or quarterly. The students are asking for opportunities to intern with our member companies. We need a commitment from our member companies (throughout the state) to agree to provide true internship opportunities for students who show a true interest in the industry.

## ***Want to hire a student?***

We will put you in touch with the right people.

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