

Construction 'Cruise' 2008

Washington State Building and Construction Trades

Description

Construction 'Cruise' 2008 connected construction managers, state safety and health consultants, tradespersons, project managers and architects with 50 high school students interested in the many facets of construction through an insider's tour of significant building sites in Spokane, WA. Construction 'Cruise' 2008 put students and instructors "in the shoes" of those who are in construction so that they can witness the real world application of the work that builds our community infrastructure.

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The group shared and learned how reliability, safety and persistence in the trades can lead to endless possibilities. Students grasped concretely the opportunities available in the region related to construction, economic development and workforce development.

Students gained on-site access to an in-process build, helping brick masons lay brick on one of the main walls.



Results

- Students received hands-on, up-close and personal interaction with these amazing structures, their designers and builders.
- Follow-up "cruises" are already planned to create similar events that will boost interest in the fields of manufacturing, health care, aeronautics and professional services.

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