

# Vocational Technical Students on the Road to Construction Career Path



This year marked a special, inaugural graduation at the Providence Career and Technical Academy for the Class of 2016 who successfully completed the vigorous Construction Craft Laborers' Program. It was the first group of students, the majority of whom started out together as freshmen and honed their construction technology skill sets throughout their senior year. Along the way, three students achieved gold medals in the Rhode Island SkillsUSA competition which recognizes vocational high school students for their outstanding talents in the vocational industry of their choice. They also competed on a national level.

Approximately half of the sixteen individuals who graduated are entering the New England Laborers' Apprenticeship Program. The others are attending college or entering the military.

"We are extremely proud of these dedicated graduates and their committed instructors who worked diligently to build the foundation for the CCL program at the Academy in Providence," stated Michael Traficante, New England Laborers' Director of Governmental Affairs. "They have served as excellent role models for other students to follow. We wish our graduates great success and welcome those who have chosen a lifelong career path with the Laborers."

BELOW: A Graduate of the Providence Career and Technical Academy for the Class of 2016 is proudly showing off his Senior project, which is a graduation requirement for all students.

