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Construction Academy launches with the help of **Bay Building Industries Association**

BY Gloria Feeney, Executive Officer

In response to a growing need for a qualified and trained workforce, Bay Building Industries Association – BBIA has made great strides the past few months in support of the construction industry field.

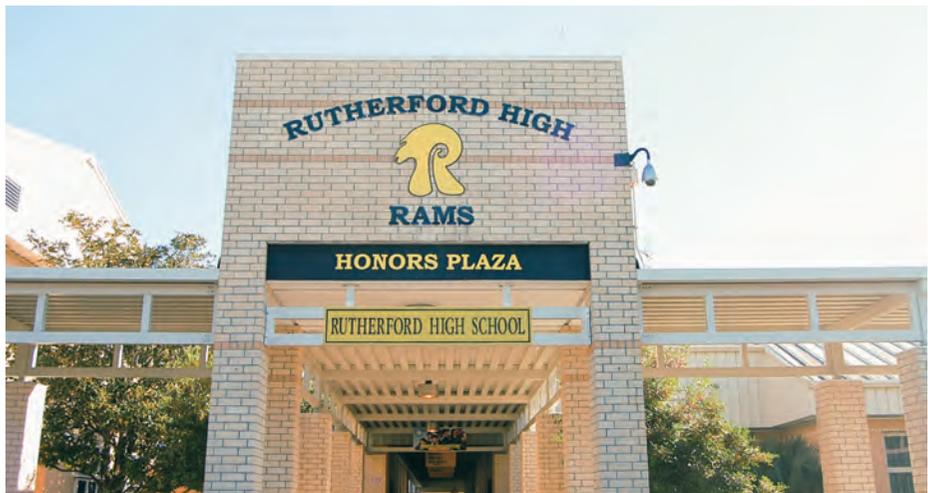
BBIA was instrumental in setting up The Construction Academy at Rutherford High School, one of our local high schools. We worked tirelessly with Bay County Superintendent of Schools, Rutherford High School Principal, Haney Technical School Director, the Instructor, several local contractors and our membership to set up the academy.

The very first class began on January 20, 2016, and we are proud to

say it is filled to capacity. In addition, there is waiting list of students who want to participate.

BBIA will be mentoring students in the classroom, as well as on the jobsite.

BBIA is once again building a scholarship home to be entered in the Great American Parade of Homes that kicks off on Mother's Day and runs through May 15th. This is the first home we have built since 2009. We hope to have some the Construction





Academy Students participate in the construction of the home with some "on the job training".

Up to \$10,000 of the proceeds from the sale of the scholarship home, will be awarded to students wishing to further their education in the construction industry.

In addition, BBIA has an endowed scholarship at Gulf Coast State College and just recently awarded scholarships to three students.

The Construction Academy, our Endowed Scholarship, and our pledge to award scholarships to students furthering a career in the construction field show our commitment to giving back to the community while supporting our industry.

Education is essential. I encourage you to invest in students. They are our future.

If you would like additional information about how we assisted in starting the Construction Academy in our area, please contact Gloria Feeny at Info@BayBIA.org or call 850-784-0232.



Instructor Mike Geraldts - RHS Principal Coy Pilson



RHS Construction Academy Inagural Class Students



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