

AGC Georgia Partners with Batson-Cook Company, Freeman & Associates, MetroPower to Host Skills Challenge for HS Students

Students compete in a variety of construction trades at the Columbus Georgia Convention and Trade Center

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EINPresswire.com/ -- The Associated General Contractors of Georgia (AGC Georgia) is partnering with Batson-Cook Company, Freeman & Associates

and MetroPower to host construction students from high schools in 15 local counties for the West Georgia Skills Challenge. The event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 1, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at The Columbus Georgia Convention and Trade Center (801 Front Avenue).



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This Skills Challenge is one of eight regional events held throughout Georgia that will host over 2,300 students from nearly 100 schools. Competitions held at the West Georgia Skills Challenge are: blueprint reading, carpentry, electrical, masonry, plumbing and welding.

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With 75 students participating in the West Georgia Skills Challenge, another 60 students will observe in hopes of

competing in the future. These students will also benefit from conversations with construction industry professionals who host interactive activities for students to become more familiar with specific construction trades.

“Skills Challenges allow high school students enrolled in construction programs an opportunity to showcase their trade talents in a ‘game day’ atmosphere,” AGC Georgia CEO Mike Dunham said. “For some competitors, this event is a ‘Friday Night Lights’ experience with the opportunity to receive job offers from participating industry representatives. Each year, we are proud to partner with amazing member contracting firms to showcase rewarding construction career opportunities to student competitors and observers.”

Students from construction programs in the following counties are invited to compete in the West Georgia Skills Challenge: Chattahoochee, Coweta, Harris, Heard, Marion, Meriwether, Muscogee, Pike, Schley, Stewart, Talbot, Taylor, Troup, Upson and Webster.

Students who are members of SkillsUSA Georgia and compete in carpentry, electrical, masonry, plumbing and welding at this event are eligible to earn a bid to the State Leadership and Skills Competition (SLSC) that will be held in February 2024.

For more information about Skills Challenges, please visit www.agcga.org/skills.

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