

# Career Corner

## Building A Future In Construction

(NAPSA)—There's good news for those seeking a rewarding career they can build on. Whether you are in high school, a recent graduate or attending college, you may want to consider entering the construction field.

Today's commercial and industrial construction industry is facing a tremendous worker shortage. Employment in the construction industry is forecast to increase by 1.5 percent each year over the next 10 years, creating more than 1 million new construction jobs.

Working in the construction field involves creativity, flexibility and dependability. You can work part-time and go to school part-time or work full-time while completing your education online. Either way, you will gain valuable, hands-on experience that will open the door to many different opportunities. Best of all, a career in construction offers good pay, has jobs that are in high demand and teaches skills that you can use for a lifetime.

"There is a place for you in construction," says Kirk Pickerel, president and CEO of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), a national trade association. "Whether you are interested in math, science, art, law, finance,



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graphics, marketing or photography, the skills you will learn in school and on the job are in great demand."

Those interested in starting a career in construction can go to the Associated Builders and Contractors web site at [www.abc.org](http://www.abc.org) and click on "Education & Training." There, they can click on "Try Tools: Careers In Construction" and learn about opportunities in construction from design and construction management to the skilled trades.