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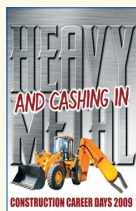


Welcome.....
to the spring edition of Career News from Turning Point.

Spring Events Support the Business Sector

Two events held this spring provided hands-on industry training for potential employees and provided safety training for current employees and management. Events were designed to expose students to tasks and career opportunities in construction and support area businesses with safety certification.

Heavy Metal & Cashing In



Thanks to the support and involvement of numerous businesses in south central Idaho, students and adults had the opportunity to get hands-on experience working in various construction industries.

Over 40 Magic Valley businesses supported the annual "Heavy Metal & Cashing In"

in April, the region's primary event to expose students and the general public to well-paying careers and job requirements in construction. Some 500 students from 22 high schools attended during this two-day event to operate heavy equipment, perform various trade skills and talk with construction representatives about career and job opportunities in this industry.

Safety Fest



To meet the growing demands for work safety, the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) offered the opportunity to over 400 individuals to obtain 637 work

safety credentials/certificates at the Safety Fest held every spring. This four-day event held in March – designed for members of the construction, transportation, engineering and general industries who are required to follow OSHA or MSHA standards – hosted over 70 companies/cities and their employees from around the region.

This event brought free safety and health training to front-line employees, supervisors and managers who wanted to improve their safety performance or receive OSHA/MSHA certification.

"This is the first time this event was held in southern Idaho," said Cyndie Woods, CSI's construction training activity coordinator for WIRED. "Various industries concerned about safety and certification have asked for this type of training locally and we're happy to finally have offered it at CSI," she said.

Both of these events were made possible by the U.S. Department of Labor WIRED Initiative.

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