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## **Callahan Construction Managers develops new learning opportunities with Quincy High School**

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Quincy, MA Callahan Construction Managers (Callahan), is continuing participation in its Constructing Communities initiative with Quincy High School following its launch of the latest installment last year. The partnership aims to inspire the next generation of engineers, architects and builders by providing invaluable real world experience.

From site visits and classroom learning to a Women in Trades Summit, Callahan's Constructing Communities program continues to motivate and mentor young people poised to enter the construction industry.

"As a multigenerational, family-owned business, Callahan values the chance to empower and educate the next generation workforce," said Patrick Callahan, president of Callahan Construction Managers. "Following the positive feedback from last year's program, which concluded with a summer co-op involving select students,

Callahan is proud to build upon our commitment to Quincy High School."

Callahan launched its partnership with Quincy High School in November of 2016 under the firm's ongoing mission to provide local community support and engagement in the cities and towns in which it works. Earlier this month, Callahan provided a lesson to HVAC students on cooling and heating processes on-site at Elevation Apartments at Crown Colony, a multifamily project in Quincy, that Callahan is building for the John Flatley Company. The students were taught directly by the on-site foreman from Macormack Plumbing and Heating. This was the second site visit for students this year at Crown Colony with another visit scheduled for May.

Last year, as part of Quincy High School's President's Pathway initiative, Callahan educated a group of approximately 30 senior-level students about the engineering and construction industry through job shadowing, active site visits and hands-on interaction. The four Quincy High School classes in the program included Carpentry, Electrical Tech, Metal Fabrication and HVA, each of which will continue to participate in this year's program.

"Quincy High School is thrilled to continue its partnership with Callahan," said Keith Segalla, executive director of Career and Technical Education for Quincy Public Schools. "The Constructing Communities initiative has inspired our students to build their passions and define their career paths. We are pleased to extend this year's program to a new group of students who are eager to embark

on this journey of career discovery.”

Active site visits will remain a leading component of the program through next year. Each visit will provide comprehensive opportunities for students to apply skills and engage with the various stages of construction.

Callahan will continue to host the bi-annual Women in Trades Summit in partnership with Quincy High School’s Career & Technical Education. Last year, more than 200 female students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, attended the summit to learn from representatives of community organizations, developers, contractors, government employees and building trades unions. The half-day summit offers teachers, guidance counselors and female students a chance to learn first-hand about opportunities for women in the skilled trades. The summit features personal insights from women actively working in the field.

Callahan’s Constructing Communities program reflects the family-focused culture of the firm and strives to support the local economy and workforce. Constructing Communities is one of the several ways Callahan engages in proactive community outreach efforts, which includes buying local, hiring local, and employing local trades people. The company also sponsors and volunteers for local nonprofits and supporting community events. Select community organizations that Callahan has supported include Rosie’s Place, Caritas Communities, Italian Home for Children, Heading Home and Friends of Boston Homeless, among others.

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