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## **Apprentices building America's future**

Do you ever think about the people who built our schools, roads, offices, and bridges?

We do.

April 30 is [National Apprenticeship Day](#), honoring the men and women training to become the backbone of America's construction industry. With nearly 500,000 construction job openings nationwide, apprenticeships offer a clear path to great careers without a debt burden.

This year marks the ABC Institute's 50th anniversary, and it is a milestone that reflects our longstanding commitment to preparing Florida's skilled workforce.

As Florida's largest apprenticeship provider, we invest more than \$3.2 million annually in construction education and workforce development, equipping apprentices with hands-on skills needed to build and maintain our communities.

Our students aren't just learning a trade; they're laying the foundation for America's future.

Apprenticeships are more than careers that strengthen our economy and country; they restore power after storms, build schools and hospitals and keep our infrastructure safe.

During this time of optimism and resurgence, we're seeing firsthand the positive impact of President Donald Trump's vision. As our country moves forward, we'll keep doing our part training the next generation of builders who make America strong.

So the next time you pass a job site, remember this: someone trained hard to build it.

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