

BITA Builds CALIFORNIA

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Hello BITA Instructors!

Happy Spring Break Season! We hope you are easing into the new year and looking forward to returning to campus as restrictions are loosening and vaccines are becoming more available to the public. The California Homebuilding Foundation remains hard at work to keep BITA connected to industry and remains focused on our mission to provide a clear pathway for students to get into the construction industry.



Scholarships

It is scholarship time and we have \$15,000 to give away! CHF awards scholarships to BITA graduates who would like to pursue post-secondary training at a trade school or community college and to those who are ready to start working and need tools to be work-ready the first day on the job site. Please share these opportunities with your students. [Click here](#)



Tracking Success

Thank you for everyone who completed the Fall Surveys and for those who shared the student surveys with your classes.

This information is *extremely* important for CHF to tell our story, apply for grant opportunities, and continue supporting you and your students.

[Fall 2020 Student Survey Results](#)

What is New with BITA

Instructor Collaboration Series

We realize that you all need more time to collaborate with other BITA instructors! New this year are monthly collaboration meetings. So far, we have held three meetings, which covered various topics from; instructional practices, tools, curriculum sharing, and

BITA in 43 California High Schools

CHF is excited to welcome the following schools to the BITA program:

Eden Area ROP (Alameda)
Freedom High School (Contra Costa)
Canyon Ridge (San Bernadino)
Citrus High School(San Bernadino)

safety. Shout-out to BITA Instructors Jason Billington at Bryte Career and College Center and Roy Morrison at Valencia High School for leading these collaborative discussions. Join us at our upcoming instructor collaboration meetings.

- April 28, 2021 at 3:30 -*Resume Building/Work Ethics*
- May 20, 2021 at 3:30 -*Curriculum Improvements*

Solar Materials

Delivery of the materials for the Solar curriculum is under way! We hope by the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year you all will have the materials needed to implement the curriculum with your students. Access to the solar curriculum can be found on-line under the [BITA Year 3 Curriculum](#)

Hesperia High School (San Bernadino)
Hillside High School (San Bernadino)
Sultana High School (San Bernadino)
Vista High School (San Diego)
College of the Siskiyous (Siskiyou)
Happy Camp High School (Siskiyou)

Check out all our [BITA schools throughout California](#)

Tailgate Safety Topics

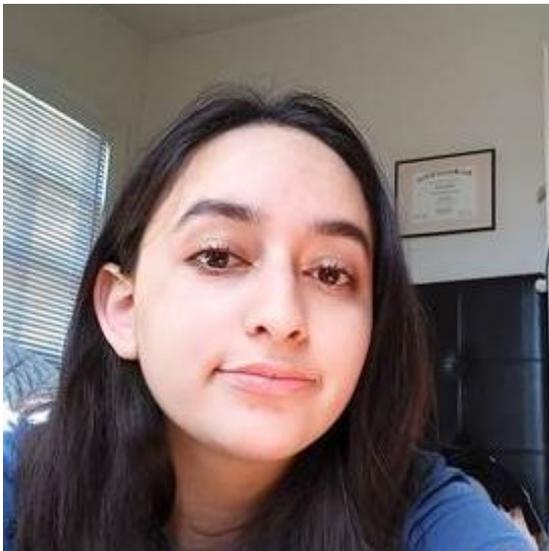
We are adding to our archive of the "tailgate safety topics" – check out new topics, available in Spanish and English, and look for monthly emails from Brittany Albaugh for the most current safety topics and resources. You can also check the [instructor portal](#) for updates.

Mentorship Program for BITA

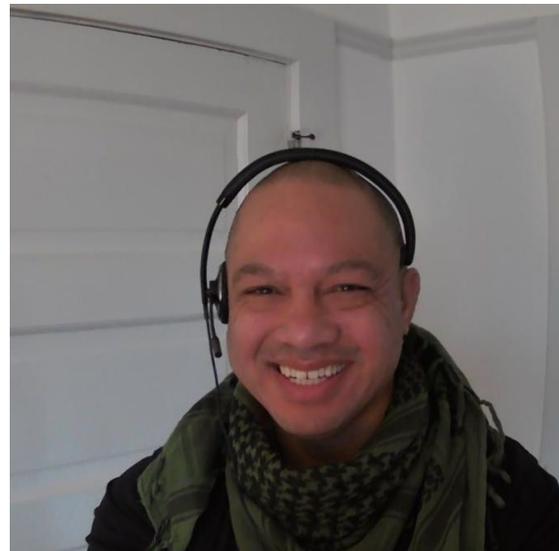
The **Bridge Corps** mission is to bridge the gap between education and employment with an emphasis on creating opportunities for diversity, equity, and inclusion for the future leaders of the development, building, and construction industry.

This Spring we are launching two pilot mentor programs at Antioch High School and North County Trade Tech. We look forward to fully launching the program in Fall 2021.

Student and Instructor Spotlight



Meet Julia Lopez, a senior at Antioch High School. Julia joined BITA because she loves working with her hands and her brothers are in the industry, so she wanted to be able to work and talk construction with them. She enjoys framing and learning how houses are



Meet Richard Fuaalii, BITA instructor at NOCROP Western High School in Anaheim. Richard is passionate about teaching a safety culture and lifestyle; he encourages students to have pride in their skills and accomplishments. "We really only get one chance to make

built. "Thanks to Mr. Howell, I would 100% consider construction as a career. I feel this line of work would make me proud and excited to not have to do an everyday office job".

a lifelong impression with each and every one of our students. The future of skilled, and safe builders is something I choose not to take lightly". Welcome Richard, BITA is lucky to have you!

BITA in the News



BITA takes Top 10 in *Partnerships for Industry and Education (PIE) Contest* at the Sierra Business Council 2020 Economic Summit (Page 7) [PIE Finalist \(Page 7\)](#)



Twenty-Five BITA students at San Marcos High School achieved a major project milestone with completing the build of their first cottage and transporting it to a Wounded Warrior Home residence in Vista. [The San Diego Union Tribune](#)



In recent months, BITA students have had to learn one of the most important lessons of all: how to adapt.

[Builder and Developer Article - May 2020](#)

Events and Reminders



The **Big Day of Giving (BDOG)** is an annual virtual fundraiser for local nonprofits. [The 2021 event takes place online May 6th.](#) We are looking for students and instructors to help us promote BITA. If you are interested in being a 2021 charity "Big Dog" for students in our BITA program, please let us know.



As you begin building your structure for **Design Build**, we would GREATLY appreciate photos of your students in action. We want to share the excitement that the students are building again! Please send your photos to Brittany Albaugh via email balbaugh@mychf.org or text 916.208.0002

We would like to thank you for everything you do for the BITA students. We know you change the lives of students every day by inspiring them to do better in school and prepare themselves for a career or college path. This program would not be successful without your dedication and contributions.

Did you know the BITA Program has an Instagram? Follow @bitabuilds today for photos of students in action, and use **#bitabuilds** to engage with us!

