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## El Monte Union High School District

*Community Committed to College and Career*



# El Monte Union Celebrates Construction Pathway and DesignBuild Competition Success



*South El Monte High School's Residential and Commercial Construction Pathway students participate in the 2023 DesignBuild Competition during March.*

At El Monte Union High School District, students are benefiting from a robust career technical education program that features pathways within 15 industry sectors, including South El Monte High School's (SEMHS) Residential and Commercial Construction Pathway.

In partnership with Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC), the

Residential and Commercial Construction Pathway at SEMHS offers students a year-long dual enrollment program designed to provide them with hands-on experience and knowledge in the construction industry.

Students receive college credit while taking the course and are empowered to explore various career opportunities while developing and applying essential skills such as project management, teamwork, problem-solving and technical proficiency.

Earlier this year SEMHS participated in the Construction Industry Education Foundation 2023 DesignBuild Competition, where students competed for two days putting their tools and building skills to the test.

Students were tasked with designing and building a structure for the community and had an opportunity to connect with local industry and architectural mentors.

“It was an amazing experience being in an environment where you gain first-hand knowledge about what happens in a construction zone,” SEMHS student Wendy Arias said. “I was the Safety Coordinator so it was great learning how to take on the role of being a leader alongside working together and being a team player.”

After competing, SEMHS received a top eight recognition with the Award of Merit for Safety, and Arias was also recognized with an award as the team’s Safety Coordinator.

Beginning in Fall 2023, students enrolled in the construction pathway will be eligible for a Residential Framing Certificate from LATTC if they complete the required courses including both construction courses offered in the Fall/Spring, OSHA 30 and an elective in the summer.



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### VISION

*The vision of the El Monte Union High School District is to empower and motivate our students to be resilient, college and career ready, lifelong learners and contributing members of our global society.*

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