



## BUILDING INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

Promoted by the California Homebuilding Foundation

# BENEFITS OF BITA FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

- Provides a four-year building trade's curriculum respected for its rigor and relevance.
- Develops work-ready skills and attitudes in high school students.
- Builds students' self-esteem and motivation by creating a clear path to career opportunities in the building industry.
- Changes public perception of building trades work and workers.
- Creates or strengthens the partnership between the school and the construction industry.
- Contributions of materials, guest speakers, etc. to the program by the construction industry; tours of jobsites offered to groups of students.
- Potential for one-time grants to schools to be used as a resource for its construction program (Source: California Homebuilding Foundation).
- Connects the students to the industry by offering them internships, mentoring, summer employment, grants and scholarships.
- Indirectly benefits students' academic works by demonstrating how the principles learned in, for example, geometry, are applied to the framing of a structure.
- Serves as motivation for students to succeed in academic classes in order to remain in construction classes.
- Links BITA instructors into a network that enables them to connect, collaborate, and learn from one another.
- Potential for articulation agreements with community colleges, such as Cosumnes River and Sierra.
- BITA program is firmly aligned with the goal of preparing students for college and careers.