IMPACT REPORT · SUMMER 2026 COHORT
CENTRAL OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Building Futures in La Pine

The La Pine Construction Pre-Apprenticeship: five weeks, twelve students, and a whole community behind them.



12 students completed the program	**100%** completion rate	**72** industry credentials earned	**1** local home repaired with Habitat for Humanity

THE NEED

Talent is local. Opportunity was an hour away.

La Pine families earn less, work in fewer jobs, and face housing costs far out of reach. The nearest apprenticeship training is in Redmond, an hour's drive, where there are three times as many construction employers. Local residents asked for more hands-on opportunities for young people. This program is the answer they helped build.

$58,365 median household income, about two-thirds of the Bend metro area	**~1 in 5** residents live below the poverty line, compared with 12.5% nationally	**44.2%** employment rate, compared with 59.1% statewide

THE PROGRAM

Five weeks on a real job site



The Habitat remodel was the classroom

Students learned layout, framing, tool safety and finish work on a whole-house remodel with Habitat for Humanity La Pine Sunriver.

Industry site visits

Students toured the Redmond Airport expansion, Habitat new builds in Redmond and the Bend High School remodel, and talked with foremen.

Ready for work

Resume building, interview practice and mock interviews with La Pine community leaders.

EVERY COMPLETER EARNED STACKED CREDENTIALS

- **8 college credits** — a head start at COCC
- **BOLI certificate** — state-approved pre-apprenticeship
- **NCCER Blue Card** — core construction skills
- **OSHA 10** — job-site safety

Sources: U.S. Census ACS 2024 5-year estimates (Census Reporter); 2020 ACS. Newberry Regional Partnership community survey.

THE IMPACT

Skills for students. A safer home for a neighbor.





“When workforce training meets community need, everyone wins. In just three weeks, COCC Pre-Apprenticeship students helped Habitat for Humanity preserve an elderly homeowner’s house, delivering repairs that otherwise would never have happened.”

— Kim Hammond, Habitat for Humanity La Pine Sunriver

100% completion rate. Every student finished. Paid stipends made it possible for students to train instead of taking a summer job.

IN STUDENTS’ WORDS

“This program opened the door to a whole new world of career opportunities!”

“The money allowed me to support my family without taking another job.”

“It was so cool to see the different types of construction work and talk to foremen.”

Celebrated by the whole town

Graduates, families, partners and sponsors gathered in the La Pine High School library to mark the finish. Families heard what their students achieved and learned about the apprenticeship paths ahead, and this year’s graduates are already helping recruit the next cohort.

THANK YOU

You funded the whole student

Community gifts paid for tuition and for stipends, so students who needed summer wages could still say yes. Together, supporters raised $36,000 for the cohort.

$1,200 tuition for 8 college credits	**+ $1,800** five-week stipend	**= $3,000** sends one student through the program

OUR FUNDERS

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WHAT COMES NEXT

- **Skills before the site.** Foundational instruction comes first, for readiness and safety.
- **New-build projects.** New construction offers steadier, step-by-step learning.
- **Safety throughout.** OSHA 10 content woven through every week.
- **Earlier recruitment.** More time for students and families to plan.



HELP BUILD THE NEXT COHORT

Every $3,000 opens the door for one more La Pine student.

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