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Fontana Unified Students to Compete in High-Stakes Design-Build Challenge, Showcasing Career-Ready Skills

WHAT: Fontana Unified School District students will compete in a high-energy SoCal Design-Build competition, where teams race against the clock to construct a fully functional structure while demonstrating real-world construction, engineering, and teamwork skills. A collaborative team made up of 10 Fontana High School students and five Eric Birch High School students will compete against other groups across Southern California to design and complete construction of an 80-square-foot shed, which includes its framing, a window, door, and electrical components.

WHEN: **Wednesday, April 22**
8 a.m. – Competition

Thursday, April 23
4 p.m. – Awards Ceremony

WHERE: **Golden West College**
15744 Goldenwest Street, Huntington Beach

DETAILS: This marks Fontana Unified's fifth year in the competition, which brings together more than 40 schools and draws hundreds of attendees, including families, industry professionals, and community members. Prior to the event, students collaborate to design their structure, working alongside industry partners, including professional architects, to develop construction-ready plans.

Beyond the competition, Fontana Unified's construction pathway program provides a direct pipeline to careers immediately after graduation. Students gain industry-recognized certifications, hands-on experience, and exposure to union apprenticeship opportunities. Many students receive job offers before graduation, along with scholarships and career resources, supporting students as they transition into the workforce.

Coverage and/or inclusion of this event in your calendar of events is welcome and greatly appreciated.

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OUR MISSION: The mission of the Fontana Unified School District is to graduate all students prepared to succeed in a changing world. Fontana Unified School District celebrates learning through the development of the whole child. Our commitment to excellence provides quality education, in depth, for all students.