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#### ICC High School Technical Training Program

Amherst County Building Safety and Inspections department is currently working with Amherst County High School, and the Amherst County Economic Development Authority to provide students with the opportunity to participate in the International Code Council (ICC) High School Technical Training Program. This program will be a step towards earning higher entry level employment for the students. This will be the first year that the school participates in this program. The program was started in 2009 at Hartford Technical School in Bel Air, Maryland, which introduced students to the International Residential Code.

The construction industry is experiencing a mass retirement of skilled professionals, so this program is a great opportunity for students and for businesses. This program will give students the opportunity to be certified by an internationally recognized standards company. This certification will be recognized across the United States and it will educate the students in legal minimums for safe construction.

This is an initiative to reach out to the high schools for the Board of Supervisor's stated goal of workforce development and academic excellence. Amherst County could not have participated in this wonderful program if it wasn't for all the help from the ICC and the Economic Development Authority. The Technical Training program will begin at the end of February and currently has eight student participants.

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