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NCCER and BYF Congratulate the Fourth Annual I BUILT THIS! Video Contest Winners



ALACHUA, Fla. — NCCER and Build Your Future (BYF) are pleased to announce the winners of the fourth annual [I BUILT THIS!](#) video contest. Competition was tough this year with updated categories and even bigger prizes at stake. Intended to help promote construction as an industry of choice, the contest illustrates the unique perspective of trainees or students and allows them to share videos of their projects. High schools and technical schools are able to gain attention for their programs and help shine a light on careers in construction.

NCCER and BYF are proud to congratulate the winners for all five categories: Joseph Petrowicz, Dai Wei Chen and Sara Warthen of Carroll County Career and Technology Center (group secondary); Russ Jackson, James Kelso, Mike Mann, Nathan McMurray and Jared Lowell of Southern Air Apprenticeship Program (group postsecondary); Michael Fulton of Carroll County Career and Technology Center (individual secondary); Tyrique Johnson of ABC Metro Washington (individual postsecondary); and Rossy Ballesteros of Columbus Career and College Academy (People's Choice).

Each of the five category winners will receive \$1,000 in prizes, including a GoPro and accessories, Visa gift card and more. In its inaugural year, the People's Choice award collected almost 5,000 votes and Rossy Ballesteros swept the award with just about 2,500 votes.

Students, trainees and instructors from secondary or postsecondary programs were eligible to submit videos and the contest was open through October 12, with public voting for People's Choice through October 29. For more details and to see the winning videos, check out nccer.org/i-built-this.

About NCCER — NCCER is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) education foundation created by the construction industry to develop standardized curriculum with portable credentials and to help address the skilled, construction workforce shortage. NCCER is recognized by the industry as the training, assessment, certification and career development standard for the construction and maintenance craft professional. For more information, visit www.nccer.org or contact NCCER customer service at 888.622.3720.

About Build Your Future – Build Your Future (BYF) is NCCER's national image enhancement and recruitment initiative for the construction industry. Its mission is to recruit the next generation of craft professionals by making career and technical education a priority in secondary schools, shifting negative public perception about careers in the construction industry and providing a path from ambition, to training, to job placement as a craft professional. BYF provides a number of resources to assist industry, education and military organizations in achieving these goals. For more information, visit www.byf.org.

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