Manitou students are getting opportunities to speak with potential employers at local job fairs as part of the Careers in Construction program.

Do you remember your first job interview? Was it for a summer job and you only had to fill out a paper application? Perhaps your mom or dad knew someone and you just had to show up on the first day. Now students in high school need a resume, letters of recommendation and perhaps some kind of test.

When we talk about work-based learning here in Manitou Springs School District, we are talking about those skills too. In partnership with the Home Builders Association, our Careers in Construction program took a trip to a job fair with local business partners so students could practice those skills — and for some of them — land a summer job or full-time employment after high school.

Instructor Brad Borkowski thinks these events are important on two levels, the most obvious is the real life experience of talking with an employer, but the second is the students see the relevance in what they are learning in his classes.

Our partnership with the Pikes Peak Business and Education Alliance has helped in this area as well. We have sent folks to several advisory board meetings this school year. At these, educators and industry experts work together to be sure that cutting edge skills are being taught so that students are ready on day one. This may be right after high school or after additional education and training, but we have done our part in that preparation.

If you are interested in joining an advisory group, please reach out to Kolleen Johnson, our director of student success, at kjohnson@mssd14.org.

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**Important Dates:**

**SPRING BREAK:** March 23 through March 27 — no school!