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I chose the Construction Trades program

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because I knew I wanted to gain further knowledge

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of industry and really work towards my goals,

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becoming an elevator technician.

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Some of my favorite things are how we learn.

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I really appreciate how we read and then we talk,

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and then we do, and we have the freedom

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to mess up and get better.

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And with no sweat about messing up in the program.

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We have access to a whole bunch of equipment.

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We have, you know, every hand tool that you'll ever need.

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We have every kind of saw you'll ever need.

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Um, we have specialty saws, uh, we have excavators,

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backhoes, a compact tractor.

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The first year construction, we focused heavily on carpentry

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and currently we are doing heavy machinery;

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so we're getting used to running equipment.

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So in this program we have Skills, USA,

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which is you can compete in electrical,

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plumbing, or carpentry.

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I personally did carpentry

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'cause that's what I was able to learn this year.

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I felt the preparation was very important

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and really honed in on my skills

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and improved what I was doing.

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The regional competition was tough.

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Um, there was a lot of great competitors there,

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but it was a really good experience to work under pressure

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and to really just be in the trades

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and you gained a lot of contacts from that too.

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Next year I'm really excited

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to learn electrical and plumbing.

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Um, for elevators.

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It's a lot of electrical, so I'm really excited

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to get a head start on electrical

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so I can gain further knowledge

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and be prepared in the future.

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I really just wanna be able to, I wanna flip houses too,

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so having all the common knowledge to, uh, flip a house

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and also just have industry experience.

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So right when I get outta high school,

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I can go straight into getting a job

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and be ahead of the game and hopefully build a future

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or a good future and secure life.